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Chancellor Kathryn Martin, Kevin Dahl (who represented Rep. Mary Murphy), student Matt DeWerff, Director of RSOP Mick McComber, SA President Tiffany Varilek, the architect from Staninus Johnson Architects, Vice Chancellor Greg Fox and others participated in the SpHC groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday. The expansion is scheduled to open in October of 2006.

SpHC construction begins

By KIEREN SELL
STAFF REPORTER

Hard hats were donned and dirt flew at the official groundbreaking for the new addition to the Sports and Health Center on Tuesday.

"Today is a day to celebrate," said Mick McComber, director of the Recreational Sports Outdoor Program.

McComber, Chancellor Kathryn Martin, SA President Tiffany Varilek, student Matt DeWerff, a member of the Building Project Committee and Athletic Director Bob Nielson addressed the crowd and shared their enthusiasm about the project.

State Representative Mary Murphy, who played a large role in getting state funding

for the project, was unable to attend because of her duties in St. Paul, but a UMD student representative for Murphy, Kevin Dahl, spoke on her behalf.

The SpHC addition has been a work in progress for many years and in the fall of 2006 it will finally be a reality.

The day was a celebration not only for University officials, but also for students who have worked hard for the past few years to get the project designed, funded and finally constructed.

"This building represents the energy and the best of the campus and the students," said Martin.

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Richard Moe to speak at graduation

By KELLEY BLOMBERG
STAFF REPORTER

This year's keynote commencement speaker, Duluth native Richard Moe, has come a long way since his formative years in his hometown and is looking forward to spending some quality time back where he grew up.

Moe, currently the president of the National Trust for

Historic Preservation, will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at commencement on May 14.

"I feel wonderful, thrilled and deeply honored," said Moe. "It's going to be a great weekend."

Although Moe still considers his commencement speech a work in progress, there are a few guidelines he plans to follow.

"That's something I'm really wrestling with now," said Moe. "I do know, though, that I will try to speak directly to the students, and the best advice I've been given so far is to be brief."

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is the largest nonprofit preservation organization in the United States and is based out of

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New construction, fees will welcome students next fall

By KIEREN SELL
STAFF REPORTER

While June, July and August provide many students with some much-needed rest and relaxation, those returning next fall will be met with a changed campus. New additions, construction projects and changing fees are all things students can expect next fall.

Many construction projects have occurred the last few years at UMD, and they show no sign of stopping. The Swenson Science building, in the final stages of repair after last fall's vandalism, is expected to be up and running for classes starting in the fall.

On Tuesday, community members gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Sports and Health Center addition. The construction of the \$13

million project will be going on throughout the summer, and the SpHC is expected to open on or by Oct. 15, 2006.

"Students will start to see a steel structure of the Sports and Health Center by the fall," said Greg Fox, vice chancellor of Finance and Operations.

The start of the project is exciting for University officials.

"We're really tickled about the new Sports and Health Center," said Bruce Gildseth, vice chancellor of Student Life and Academic Support.

Fall classes will still take place in the Life Sciences building, but in the spring it will be closed for renovation.

Plans for the Labovitz School of Business and Economics expansion are in the works, and some aspects of its construction may be

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'Take Back the Night'



KRISTI LEMMA/UMD STATESMAN

The annual "Take Back the Night" rally was held last Thursday. Participants in the event listened to speakers, ate food and marched down Superior Street in protest of sexual violence.

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By DAN MEYER
NEWS EDITOR

The most important events of the last two semesters at UMD.

UMD's 2004 fall enrollment was estimated in September to be 10,360, with a freshman class of 2,200.

9.16.04

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The new Kirby Plaza Food Court gives students many choices for meals and snacks on campus, and replaces the old Kirby Café.

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By TEAGAN HIGLEY
STAFF REPORTER

Duluth's fifth annual "Take Back the Night" (TBTN) brought community members together for food, fun and to protest violence last Thursday night at the Washington Center.

TBTN was a "response to the violence and oppression women face in our society," according to a press release. TBTN has been a mainstay event in Duluth since the Program for Aid to Victims of

Sexual Assault (PAVSA) first started it here in 2001.

Between 5:30 and 10:30 p.m., the community had a chance to eat free food, graze informational tables, learn the history of TBTN, watch speakers and entertainment and march the streets of Duluth with a throng of protesters.

The evening began with a free buffet. From fresh fruit and cold-cut sandwiches to pizza and root beer, the smorgasbord fed the diverse group that showed up.

Several informational tables were manned by a variety of groups including Feminists for Advocating Change, Etc. (FACE), Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters

and many others who also helped to make the event possible.

People that attended the event came for a variety of different reasons.

"As a white male, it is my responsibility to help, not to leave it on the victim," said Travis Powell of Amnesty International.

Others came for the purpose of coming together for a common cause.

"Community," said Shelly Faust. "I love to see people here who I see walking on the street or in the store."

Toddlers clutched balloons with the words "Feminist Since Birth" written across them by UMD's own FACE.

In the gymnasium, the Netleton Girls Drumming Group began a little after 6 p.m., drawing visitors inside. Then, to a packed gym, speakers Jill Abernathy and Melissa Taylor of Domestic Abuse Intervention Project and Women's Community Development Organiza-

tion, respectively, spoke of the injustices and perils women must face at night.

Next came the entertainment, featuring a group of traditional Hmong dancers and an electrifying performance by the Hillside Tumblers, a group of elementary to high school students performing acrobatic feats.

The march assembled around 7:45 p.m. Excitement mounted as chants were recited and banners were waved.

An estimated 300 to 400 people participated, according to several attendees, escorted by a police officer and dog.

"I think it's an amazing, beautiful, empowering experience, to get out on the street," said Annie Ragsdale of FACE.

Around a few city blocks the procession went, met with greetings and gawks from shopkeepers and pedestrians. Traffic was stopped by several police cruisers for the block-long procession to the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial. On-looking drivers honked fervently, contributing to the atmosphere.

At the Memorial, the crowd stopped for a speech in which the speaker denounced sexual violence and told listeners to say "I see your greatness" to the person next to them.

Participation in the march meant different things to different people. Some came to the event because they have spouses, children or friends who had been sexually assaulted or abused. Others had been through such traumas themselves. Almost all asked not to be named.

After the march finished, the crowd moved back into the gymnasium for the rally. Several speakers shared their stories and beliefs about sexual violence.

Despite the scars and pain, an overall feeling of hope and courage was almost tangible. Some survivors voiced their feeling of optimism that the event had served its purpose.



KRISTI LEMAIR/UMD STATESMAN

The fifth annual "Take Back the Night" march and rally was put on last Thursday in order to raise awareness about sexual violence. About 300 to 400 people were part of the event.

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Vice President Dick Cheney makes a campaign stop in Duluth, holding a town hall-style meeting at the Cirrus Design headquarters.

9.30.04



FILE PHOTO

UMD student Grant Geiselhart is found dead in Chester Creek under the Eighth Street Bridge. Investigators point to a pre-existing medical condition and alcohol as causing the fall.

10.14.04

UMD Health Services announces it will not receive any flu vaccine due to the national shortage.

10.21.04



FILE PHOTO

Jacob Kreye is found dead in a dorm on the UMTC campus while visiting a friend. Police suspect alcohol and drugs as a cause of the death.

10.7.04

A UMD student is charged in a hit-and-run accident when she rear-ends another student while intoxicated.



FILE PHOTO

Vice Presidential hopeful John Edwards visits UMD as current Vice President Dick Cheney makes a stop in International Falls.

10.28.04



FILE PHOTO

Jefferson Lines to continue bus trips over summer

By JAIME BERGLUND
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Jefferson Lines bus company has decided to continue to operate year-round instead of just during the school year.

Jefferson Lines provides students with transportation to and from the Twin Cities, leaving UMD at 3:25 p.m. each day. The bus picks students and community members up on campus at the Kirby Circle, which formally was the Kirby bus stop. The bus will make various stops along Interstate 35 S, and also stops in St. Paul, Minneapolis, the Amtrak Station and the Coffman Memorial Union on the Twin Cities campus.

Tickets are \$20 each way and students receive an extra 15 percent off. Tickets can be purchased on the UMD campus at the UMD Stores on the street level.

The bus will leave the Minneapolis bus depot at 10:30 a.m. each day and arrive in Duluth at 3:15 p.m.

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UMD students turn out in record numbers for the presidential election, with 2,235 votes cast on campus.

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The new Swenson Science building is vandalized, causing \$8 million in damage and delaying its opening.

11.18.04



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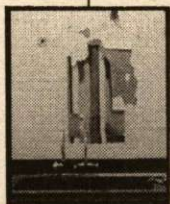
Tony Peyla, UMD Student Activities advisor, is terminated after failing to pass his one-year probationary period.

Thieves break into 11 cars in the M lot of Stadium Apartments, taking car stereo equipment, CDs and other valuables.

12.16.04

UMD student Jeffrey Rosenthal is threatened at gunpoint with a semi-automatic handgun while delivering pizzas and escapes unharmed.

11.11.04



FILE PHOTO

The Duluth Transit Authority announces that the Kirby Plaza Transit Hub will service all bus routes traveling to and from the UMD campus.

12.2.04

UMD Campus Police write 51 underage consumption tickets during November, more than double the number from the same time last year.

12.9.04



FILE PHOTO

Underage drinking was problem in April

By ASHLEY HANNA
STAFF REPORTER

More underage consumption tickets were given out in April than in any other month so far this semester.

Campus Police issued 41 underage drinking tickets in April. The previous high this semester was 28 tickets in January, and the low was eight in March.

According to preliminary data from Campus Police, 117 underage consumption tickets were issued this semester to both students and non-students, on campus and off. Campus Police have given out a total of 332 such tickets so far this school year.

Besides drinking, crimes committed on campus this month were fairly common, including theft and vandalism.

A student reported a theft of clothing from the Lake Superior Hall laundry room, valued at \$800, including sweatshirts, underwear and expensive jeans. Also last week, a university-owned laptop was stolen from A.B. Anderson Hall.

Other typical April crimes included transients being asked to leave university property and some vandalism, including the outer pane of a dining center window that was shattered, and a couple unauthorized uses of meal tickets.

Lieutenant Anne Peterson said that the beginning and end of school years are generally the busiest times for police -- the beginning of the year because students are adjusting to new surroundings, and the end because it's almost over.

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The 14-year-old boy involved in the Swenson vandalism confesses to the crime in court, as his younger counterparts plead not guilty.

12.16.04



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TCF opens a full-service bank on the UMD campus.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty announces in his State of the State address that he plans to establish a U of M campus in Rochester.

2.3.05

A 27-year-old U of M Morris student is found dead in a dorm room. Investigators suspect natural causes.

2.17.05

The UMD Administration denies funding for the "Deuce" program, which would allow students to pay only \$2 each for a cab ride in Duluth.

1.27.05

The other two suspects in the Swenson vandalism case change their pleas to guilty.



DAN MEYER/UMD STATESMAN

UMD is mentioned for excellence in *U.S. News and World Report: America's Best Colleges*, and is ranked 33rd nationwide for its undergraduate engineering program.

2.10.05

2.24.05

The 14-year-old boy involved in the Swenson vandalism case is sentenced to four years of probation and must pay restitution.

UMD engineers develop housing

ASSOCIATED PRESS

In about four hours, some engineers at the University of Minnesota's Duluth campus built a nearly 500-square-foot house for people left homeless by both natural and man-made disasters.

The university's Natural Resources Research Institute presented its "Rapid Response

House" on Monday and announced hopes to boost the wood-products industry by marketing the project as emergency temporary housing.

Just like many homes, it has two bedrooms, a bath and a kitchen with appliances. There's plumbing and wiring in the walls. However, it also comes in an 8-foot-by-20-foot box and can be assembled

with few tools other than wood mallets.

Pat Donahue, director of the Institute's Market Oriented Wood Technology Program, touted his group's design as superior to other emergency kit houses, which are made out of steel.

The institute's wood houses can be assembled using a simple system developed in Europe, he said, and its con-

tainers can be stacked three high.

He said it would be up to the relief agencies that help people after disasters to come up with the funding for the houses. The prototypes cost about \$24,000, but Donahue said the cost could fall with enough orders to achieve economies of scale.

U.S. Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., called the house "an extraordinary idea that has

widespread applications," including housing for the poor.

It was too early to say if the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would decide the houses were better than the mobile homes, motel rooms and other current options for displaced people, said Rick Klugow, a FEMA representative from Chicago.

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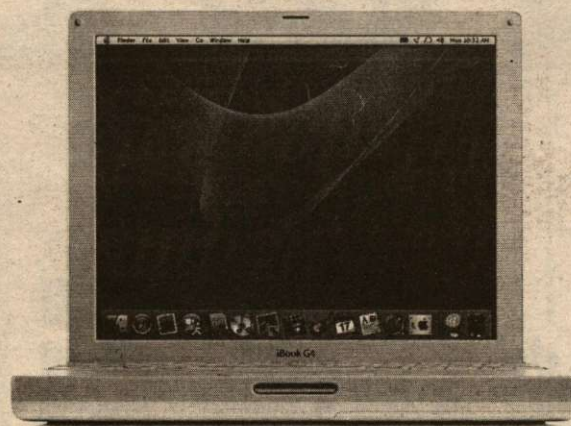
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Amidst criticism, U of M President Bob Bruininks defends his plan to make the U an exclusive research facility.

3.3.05



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Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) forms a chapter at UMD, establishing a new student government on campus.

3.17.05

UMD Student Association meets with the Duluth City Council on campus to discuss housing issues.

UMD students join protesters and lobbyists in St. Paul for the GLBT Lobby Day.

4.14.05



FILE PHOTO

3.10.05

Student Association President Brian Stewart resigns his post. VP of Student Affairs Tiffany Varilek takes over for the remainder of the semester.

3.31.05

UMD Children's Place, a childcare center for the kids of students and faculty, opens on campus.

4.7.05

Tiffany Varilek is elected as SA president after running against Josh Breyfogle. Meghan Keil is elected as VP of Academic Affairs. All other positions were uncontested.



FILE PHOTO

CHANGES: Officials expect enrollment to stay the same

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seen in the next year.

"It is possible that in the spring we will begin to re-route Kirby Drive around the site for the new business building," said Fox.

The new road will be completed before any construction takes place so that it can remain open for traffic.

The state legislature hasn't come to an agreement on the University's funding, so changes to next year's tuition are not finalized. University officials expect to know the final numbers by the middle of May.

"If we are fully funded, tuition should rise by 5.5 percent, but the range of the increase could be 5.5 to 8 percent," said Fox.

Fox also warned students to pay attention to the fate of Pell Grants.

"We have about 1,900 students on Pell Grants and we are working hard to keep them from being eliminated," he said.

Students can expect some major changes to parking at UMD next fall, especially students living on campus.

"We are changing the entrance of Lot L3 on the curve of St. Marie so it will now be an entrance off of Maplewood like Lot J3," said Beverly Ecklund, director of parking services. "We are also expanding Lot J3 and resurfacing the Q lots by Junction Apartments."

Besides the major changes to the actual parking lots, students should expect to see changes in

the prices of parking permits.

"Blue permits for students living off-campus will now be \$116 and green resident permits will increase to \$169," said Ecklund.

With the addition to Lot J3, green resident permits will go up. The number of blue parking permits was expanded this year because of the addition of the Gold Street Lot, but will not be increased next fall.

UMD is expecting enrollment to be about the same size as this past fall, and freshmen housing should run smoothly.

"I don't expect that students will be living in the Edgewater," said Gildseth.

University officials said they expect next year to be successful and promising.

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SPHC: Addition will add space for workout rooms

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All of the speakers praised the students, and said their dedication to the project in the past will help to make a difference to the campus and the health of all UMD students.

"UMD students have shown that they value health and education," said McComber. "Students, you should be extremely proud; this is your day."

Many students who worked on this project, however, will never see or benefit from the finished product because they will graduate before the building

is finished. University officials thanked these students for their selfless acts to better the future of UMD.

"They did this for the future out of gratitude for their opportunities," said Martin. "Today we celebrate the efforts of these students. At every opportunity in this project, students have been there to make their point."

The new space of the SpHC addition will hopefully reduce crowding in the weight rooms and provide students with more gym and recreational space.

Dahl read words from Rep. Murphy, who said, "I understood the need for this space after being in the smelly workout room for just a few minutes. Once the space opens, it will be at capacity. You have so much to look forward to."

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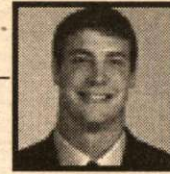
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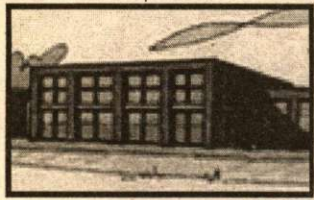
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Survivors of the Holocaust and Rwandan genocide speak of their experiences to a packed lecture hall at UMD.

UMD Bulldogs football player Russ Rabe signs a free agent contract with the New Orleans Saints.



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4.21.05

UMD journalism class finds that many student rentals in Duluth are unlicensed.



FILE PHOTO

4.28.05

The Student Taxi Discount program, which will allow students to pay only \$2 each for a taxi ride, is approved.

5.5.05

Administration officials, students and faculty are on hand for the official groundbreaking of the new SpHC addition, due to open in October of 2006.

MOE: Glensheen will receive funding for preservation

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Washington, D.C. Moe has been at the forefront of historic preservation in the United States as president of the National Trust for the past 11 years.

Since earning his undergraduate degree from Williams College in Massachusetts and a degree in law from the University of Minnesota Law School, Moe has practiced law in Washington, D.C., from 1981 to 1992, served as the state DFL chairman and also as chief of staff for Walter Mondale during his tenure as senator.

After working in the fields of law and politics, Moe turned his interests towards preservation of historic sites around the nation.

In 2003, the National Trust

chose Duluth to become a Preservation Development Initiative community. Because Duluth is home to the *Duluth News Tribune*, a Knight-Ridder publication, the city was eligible to become one of these communities and receive funding from the Knight Foundation.

With the help of the National Trust and funding from the Knight Foundation, Duluth could see some positive changes in the way of historic preservation.

Representatives from the Trust have been frequenting Duluth on a regular basis, working hard with members of the community to hammer out a feasible plan to make a historic downtown area a reality.

"For a while development was taking place outside the city," said Moe. "Now people are realizing there are great assets in the downtown area."

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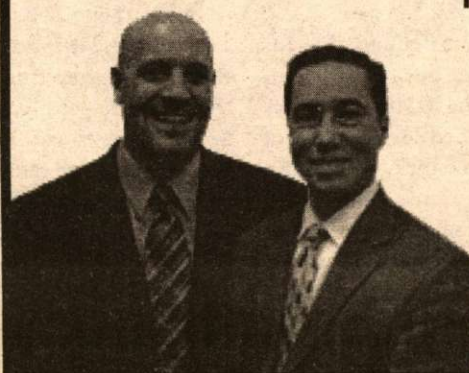
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Respect should be a two way street

By **DONNY NESS**
GUEST COLUMNIST

I know perfectly well that it is fashionable on campus to dis the city of Duluth -- that hasn't changed since I was Student Association President way back in the year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Five. But, in my experience, I find those that complain loudest are those that are looking for the most generic experience possible and spend their time at the mall. There's nothing wrong with that, but it doesn't highlight what makes Duluth special and different from the mind-numbing sameness of suburbia.

What I've noticed is that those who take the time to be part of the community and invest themselves in Duluth fall in love with the city and will do whatever they can to stay. It's too bad that so few students take the time to make Duluth their home for the time they are here -- it's a missed opportunity for the community and students alike. It also cheapens the student experience -- being part of the community can be one of the most rewarding parts of being a college student -- at least it was for me.

During my time on the City Council, I have consistently defended students and brought

attention to the benefits of having a great university in the heart of town. But even from this enlightened position, I get upset when some punk kid decides to justify the actions of disrespectful students with the same tired and simple-minded arguments. The fact that students bring money into our community does NOT justify peeing in a stranger's yard.

However, respect is a two way street -- residents must also be willing to show respect to the many Quality Undergrad People In Duluth™ (QU-PIDs)™ who attend our area colleges and universities. The solution is really quite simple:

each of us (young and old alike) must take responsibility to practice tolerance, respect and understanding. The jaded among us may scoff at such a simple solution. But I can tell you one thing -- pointing fingers at one another hasn't done us any good, so let's try it another way.

Duluth is a great place to live, and if you

are not convinced of that fact yet, I hope that you will check out the Homegrown Music Festival this weekend (pick up a *Ripsaw* for details). You'll have the opportunity to listen to some great live music, to see many attractive young people that will exceed even *your* very high standards, to buy the City Council President a beer (New Castle), to see some of Duluth's great music venues and, most importantly, to contribute to the community in which you live and take some ownership in creating a better place to live.

Finally, if you ever want to get more involved in Duluth, send me an e-mail and I'll help you enhance your Quality Undergrad Person In Duluth™ potential.

I've been working on a slogan that will help promote this trademarked idea: "All the Rad Dudes and Awesome Ladies want to be a QUPID™. Pretty compelling huh? Whoever said that you lose touch after turning 30?

They obviously didn't know what they were talking about.

Donny Ness is president of the Duluth City Council and a UMD alumnus.



Involvement begins with the SA

By **PETER CARPENTER**
STAFF WRITER

Spending money sucks. If you don't agree with me, you're lying to yourself. Concerning politics, this is my largest pet peeve, and I suspect it is with many other college students. But, over the course of the year, I have beaten that dead horse enough. Now it is time to explore the world of school politics.

There is nothing wrong with our student body here at UMD, right? Former SA President and Opinion writer Brian Stewart cites our apathy toward politics in the college community as a source of frustration within the student population. He is absolutely right. Administration is spending money like Paris Hilton and tagging us with the bill. Not only is the administration doing this freely but the Student Association isn't doing enough, if anything, to help this problem; they only add to it. We students have done nothing to stop this. I say "we" because I am one of those students, and I regret it.

I haven't really done anything to help fuel the practically nonexistent

political drive of our students. I held a Pro Bush sign at the Edwards rally, but that's about it. And though I often sit in boring lecture classes and think about what I can do to help (honestly, I do), I always conclude that I really have no say. But the Student Association does. Ok, so how do I get involved with the SA? "Well, just walk in and voice your opinions, Pete. We're all friendly here," is what I hear.

Well, I am knocking it before I try it. How serious would the SA take me if I attended one of their shindigs and said "hey, you guys suck and you haven't done a damn thing; here are some ideas." They would laugh, assuming they even paid attention.

I wonder who is responsible for getting the student body involved in politics concerning UMD? The SA seems easily blamed for the lack of involvement, but I cannot ignore the lazy, apathetic students who have a voice but never use it. There must be a dialogue between SA and the students before there can be one between SA and the administration.

A great way to create a dialogue

between students and our association would be to hold a lyceum -- a discussion complete with questions and answers where students can literally and actually speak their minds. It could be a place where students can talk one on one with the president of the SA, maybe even play a little "stump the chump." Have a town hall debate between presidential nominees, or a boxing match or something. Anything that would get the student body involved would help. That's where it starts.

This isn't the administration's association, this is our association. You need to get involved in it because that's the only way anything is going to change this university's tyrannical administration. It starts with you and who is sitting next to you, ask them what they think. Ask them if they want to get involved, too. If you aren't going to get involved, at least ask yourself one more question. Are you happy with the YOUR association and administration?

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Your vote is your voice

By **ERIC BJERVA**
GUEST COLUMNIST

I could tell you the upcoming local and state elections are important to care about, or at the very least to vote in it, because your vote is your voice and every voice counts. Problem is, you have all been fed those lines or ones like them for so long it doesn't mean a thing to you anymore (if it ever did). The fact is you live in a society based on systems from which you benefit. By choosing not to participate in the systems of your society you become a freeloader, thereby forfeiting any ethical right to complain about such aspects of your society and further dismissing any and all sacrifices made on your behalf by others who worked within the system to give you such benefits. In short, if you are thankful for what the system has produced then you should participate. However, if you are pissed off by what the system is or has produced, you should change it by participating.

The student body of UMD must realize just how powerful it is. Our sheer numbers and economic impact, in Duluth, give our voice a great deal of weight. Local elections are a

Primaries could make students a political force

By AMBER GLAWE
STAFF WRITER

Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." The famous anthropologist was correct in her analysis; however, few others seem to follow that philosophy. It is a sad fact that many believe only one vote will not make a difference in the grand scheme of things.

Case in point -- the voter turnout at UMD for 2004's primary elections. Yes folks, the count came to a paltry 39 voters by the end of the day. One would assume that more people would care to vote in such an incred-

ibly crucial local election. Alas, most waited until the general election to show their support for a candidate. UMD had over 2,000 voters in the general election, a staggering number by any means, especially when compared to the measly 39 that voted months earlier.

Why does this matter, you may ask? If you think about the heated political climate that overtook our nation last year, it is easy to imagine why primaries become so important. That election determined who the general election candidates -- U.S. representatives, judges and other state and county representatives -- would be. Larger voter turnouts in more cities could have drastically swayed the candidacy last year.

Maybe it was the fact that school

had just begun, or maybe people simply felt too uninformed to make such a choice.

It is obvious that many UMD students cared enough to cast a vote for the presidency, but why not the primary elections? I guess people just wanted to wait until the very end and then complain that the candidates were "too alike," a refrain I heard all too often last fall.

We all can whine and cry about how horrible our local and national governments are, but what is the point if all we do is carry on about it? Why not get out and make your voice heard? MTV may be full of shit in many aspects, but they do have one thing right -- young people *can* "Rock the Vote," as long as we actually get off our lazy asses and go to

the polls. This election season was supposed to be revolutionary, with a newfound youth population able and ready to vote. The reality was that too many decided to drink away election day and let someone else do the voting.

By not taking the opportunity to vote, you're not only throwing away your rights as a U.S. citizen, you're proving the stereotype that young people don't actually give a shit about politics. Politicians, as ridiculous as they can be, affect our lives daily. They write the laws, create the policies and decide what choices we can make.

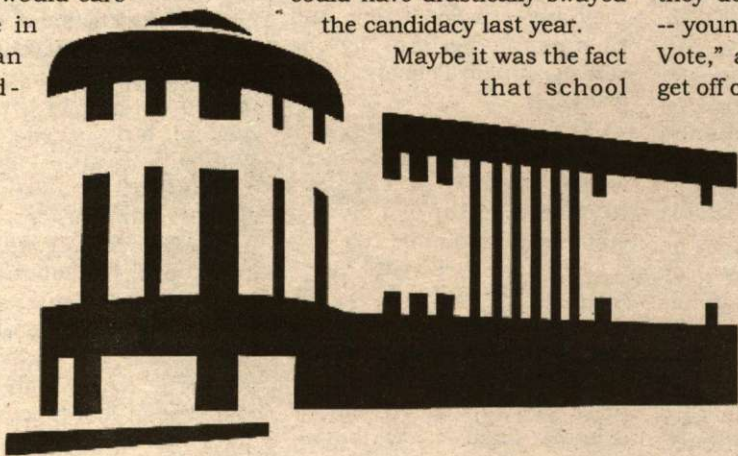
Letting someone else decide which people should be in office is just plain idiotic. America is a democracy for a reason and that reason is not so you can just push responsi-

bility off onto other voters.

The fact is that the 2004 election is over and done, but the results of this fall's City Council elections are not yet written in stone. The new city councilors can have as big an impact on our daily lives, especially as UMD students, as anything President Bush says or does.

And to those who say, "I don't care about politics, I'm just not a political person," I'd like to remind you of the words of George Jean Nathan, "Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote."

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Next fall:

•Primary Election - Tuesday, September 13.

•General Election - Tuesday, November 8.

•The city councilor for UMD's precinct will be up for election.

•Two "at large" (entire city) councilors are up for election.

•Another city councilor (precincts 23-29) is up for election.

UMD (Precinct 10) Voter History

Potential voters 2005:

2004 General (Presidential):	2,238 voted
2004 Primary election:	39 voted
2003 General (Mayoral):	253 voted
2003 Primary election:	142 voted
2002 General (Senate):	1,187 voted
2002 Primary election:	64 voted
2000 General (Presidential):	1,780 voted

Note: Although Precinct 10 contains mostly on-campus UMD residents, it is a good indicator of potential voter turnout among UMD students.

GRAPHICS BY JOSH BENDER

Voting can right injustices

By SEAN BELL
GUEST COLUMNIST

I'm sitting here in UMD's own Coffee Shop, with the Twins game playing softly on the flat screen and mulling over the Campus Neighbors meeting I just left. There is a quiet simplicity to taking a step back from the roiling hellbroth out there on the Duluth political scene. I chose this location over my usual haunt, the UMDSA office for some reason I can't quite finger. Perhaps I just needed a good cup of tea and a wrap. More likely, though, it stems from an extreme lack of work, which occurs in that office, and I am no exception from it. Then again, maybe it's the result of a burning desire to get myself away from anything having to do with politics.

You see, in this town, "community" and "politics" run very closely together. Why wouldn't they, in the most civically active state in the Union? Somehow an interest in civic affairs has intertwined itself

with our spirit, and a fine desire for "Having A Say" runs through our blood. Like cheap beer at a house party, politics will give you a buzz, but too much will give you a hangover. That's where I am today. For the most part though, we here at UMD are in no danger of politically induced hangovers. We have very few people like myself who roll over in the morning after a long city council night and feel the need to throw up. I am one of the few to come out of a meeting like the Campus Neighbors feeling dizzy with a headache and not caring where (or with whom) I sleep. But this feeling is not for most of us. Mainly, our political livers are still young and ready to party. In this generation of depressing news and trampling of rights (religious and/or civil, you pick), it can feel damned good to get loud and rowdy and whoop it up. There's nowhere to live in this town. We have crazy-high rents to pay. Cops, neighbors

and government officials hate us and how we live. This November, vote their asses off the island, out of the boardroom, don't give them a rose or whatever the hell.

I'm running for city council myself, and I say do the same for me if you don't like what I stand for. Go nuts. Stay up until the results are in. Party all night if you want. So come down to the local kegger in your precinct this November 8. Join a party? A (geargh) political party. Remember too, volunteers tend to get fed and watered well. We're all part of an underground and illegal (think: minor consumption tickets) cultural resistance, so come out into the open. Take the fight to them on their own territory. Make them fear you. The best part of it all is that your vote doesn't cost \$5 at the door.

Sean Bell is UMD SA vice president of Legislative and City Affairs.

VOICE:

Choose candidates who will work for you

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great example. We have the ability to choose candidates that will push for better housing (as was recently done in the City Council), lower city taxes on goods we often buy like alcohol (the cost of which is slated to rise significantly), fix our roads (whose funding was recently redirected to housing) and any other conceivable issue you might have an opinion on. The old excuse that your vote doesn't matter, in the ocean of votes that is a national election, does not hold sway in local elections.

I am aware that the majority of the students who bothered to read an article on local politics will already be those who do commit action to conviction and feel that I am simply preaching to the choir. I agreed to write this guest article in the hope that I would be able to convey the importance of supporting your convictions with action to those who prefer the opinion but not the effort.

Eric Bjervu is the president of the College Democrats.

Editorial

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"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

- Robert Frost

Our View

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One last time...

I wish I could write the cliché editorial about the end of the year and how it is time for the graduates to get out and take charge of their lives in the "real world." But I can't, and I won't. All the graduates either have a job lined up, are totally confused on what they want to do in life or are taking some time off to relax after four to six years of constant chaos. Instead, I thought I could give you some of my own personal opinions about *The Statesman*, students and staff at UMD.

The first one goes out to Chancellor Martin. I know that you've had a colorful past with *The Statesman* and I had hoped to remedy that this year, but I failed. Once again, you have gone an entire year without speaking directly to *The Statesman*. While I'm sure you have your reasons for not returning most, or all, of our calls, I had really hoped you would. Did you know that you are one of the most elusive people on this campus, yet you are one of the most influential? I had always wanted to do a feature piece on you and your life. I had heard you were a nun once. Is that true? What is most disappointing about our relationship is that you continue to ignore us when we want to know about you and what you think. Yes, we may ask you questions that you don't want to answer but you can say "no comment." Everyone else does. At least we would get something from you.

Next in line is *The Statesman*. Bottom line: we are a student newspaper written by students, for students. I think people need to remember that the paper is here not only to serve the University community but also to help students who are looking for a career in journalism. Everyone that works at *The Statesman* is in the process of learning about how a newspaper works. We will never be perfect, nor do we claim to be. We make mistakes all the time, as I am sure you know. I'll be the first to admit that we don't always use the most appropriate language at times.

Thank you to all those people who have questioned our writing and our opinions. Without you our education in journalism would not be complete. A newspaper needs the involvement of its readers to determine what is and what is not important. *The Statesman* has received a lot of feedback over the year and all of it has been taken into consideration. I hope that the College Republicans, Women's Studies majors, the rugby team and anyone else we've offended know that we do appreciate their input. We may or may not agree, but in the end we do value the information you give to us.

For those of you who are graduating, don't freak out. You have the rest of your life to decide what you want to do. For those of you staying, give the University hell. They need it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students are residents, too F.A.C.E. values right to free speech

In the April 21 edition of *The Statesman*, the paper spent most of the Editorial section on the issue of student housing. It was nice to see this. Student housing continues to be one of the biggest issues in the Duluth community.

I think the first thing Duluth needs to do is to recognize that students are residents, too. In the last census, Duluth grew in population for the first time since the 1950s. The only reason this happened was because of the increased student enrollment at all three of our campuses. The needs of student residents have to be recognized and addressed as well--needs like quality, affordable, student housing.

I've been working on this issue for almost the entire two years I've been on the City Council. Last year I convened a committee of students, landlords, neighborhood residents and others to discuss what could be done to improve student housing options and improve student-neighbor relations. I also participated in another group that looked at the idea of student/young professional housing districts and possible locations in Duluth for such a district. A student/young professional district would create a vibrant, energetic, fun area in Duluth for young people to call their own, and creating more quality student housing complexes will help take the pressure off traditional neighborhoods.

I want to close by thanking the UMD Student Association for all the hard work it has put into this issue, Dan Hartman and Sean Bell specifically.

Students often wonder what their student government does for them, and at UMD you don't have to wonder for very long. The "Better Neighbors" program is just one example of the Association doing its part on the student housing issue. In April, the Association also worked with me to host a joint Student Association-City Council meeting at UMD. Both organizations have pledged to continue this conversation next fall.

Roger Reinert
Duluth City Council

I'm currently a member of Pro-Choice UMD and F.A.C.E., a feminist group on campus. We put up posters around the school weekly advertising our events, and they are torn down time and time again, perhaps by the same group of silencers. What gives?

Yes, sometimes they are what some would call "controversial," but we have a right to have them up if they are stamped and approved.

I mean, I guess I could think of it as flattering since it could mean that we are powerful enough that certain groups are fearful of our impact, but mostly it is just plain annoying (and not environmentally friendly on top of that). I just don't understand why if someone has such an issue with us or our posters, instead of tearing them down and using these cowardly approaches of protest, they show up to our events and express their opinions to us. If anything, we feminists enjoy a good conversation that will allow both sides to think critically. I mean, this is America and it is about democracy not fascism.

We feminists value the right to free speech enough that we don't tear down other groups' posters. We don't want to silence their voices; instead we like to stand tall with our own. Thank you.

Molly Duepner
CLA

Only the cute and cuddly deserve protection?

I would just like to respond to Sandra D'Mello's letter to the editor in the April 21 edition of *The Statesman*. You should think about what you are saying before you decide to pass such harsh judgment on hunters and Mr. Smith. I myself am a hunter and have

been for my whole life. You say to Mr. Smith, "all living beings have a RIGHT to be here..." were you just referring to the cuddly, cute living beings or do you mean ALL living beings? If you meant all living beings, then what about the cows that are killed because you eat beef or the pigs that are killed because you had pork chops last night?

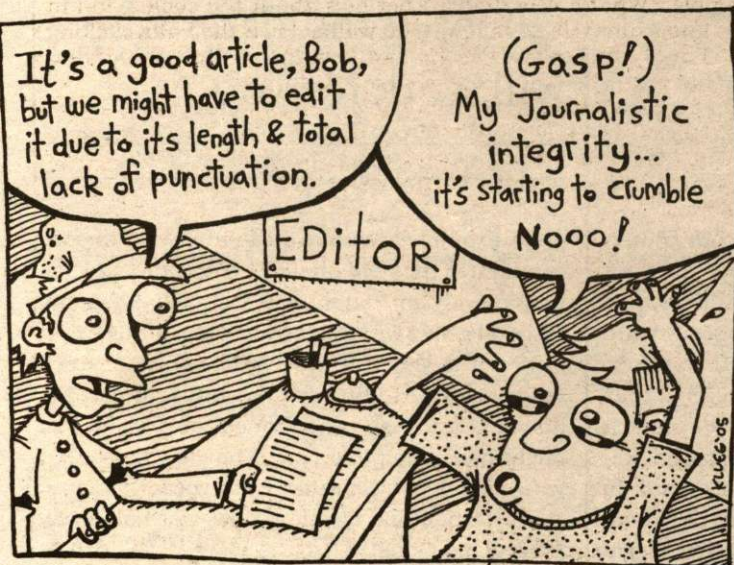
Now I apologize if you do not eat any kind of flesh, but what about those poor defenseless plants that are killed so you can eat your salad, snack on peanuts while watching TV, or spread preserves on a piece of bread (which, by the way, is made of a once living being)? What about all of those defenseless bacteria you so mercilessly murder each time you use antibacterial soap or take antibiotics; they are living beings too, are they not? If your statement to Mr. Smith was meant to only protect the cute, cuddly, domesticated, animal type of living being, then shame on YOU. The proposal to make legal the shooting of WILD cats is meant to prevent the deaths of thousands of other animals. Personally, I do not shoot anything that I do not intend to eat or use in one way or another.

It just irks me when people make what in my eyes are hypocritical comments like you have. I suggest that you do some research on hunting as well as on how animals are slaughtered. Also, take some biology classes and you would realize that the only things that are not alive are the rocks that the earth is made of--and some would argue that the Earth itself is a living thing.

I am a Christian, go to church every Sunday and holy day, follow the teachings of the church to the best I can and believe myself to be a good person, in good graces with God, but do not assume that I can interpret the Word of God, so how is it that you can?

I could go on and on responding to your biased, hypocritical letter, but I have class. Just remember what you said at the end of your letter: "BEWARE OF YOUR EVIL ACTIONS" for I am the voice of all the living beings whose murders YOU have condoned.

Matthew Penning
CSE



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, GUEST COLUMNS

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Humor

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A Holla' to Our Glorious Peeps!

To Mr. Cool and everyone smarter than us with movie quotes, thank you. To Michael Hippie, The Renegade Comedy Theatre and those who sent us e-mails and wrote letters to the editor, ya'll just rock. Whether you laughed or got pissed off about stuff we wrote, you make our work worth it. Truly, thanks.

Amy Forsell, Humor Editor

As the first female Humor Editor in *Statesman* history, it's been a ride. Was my section always funny? Hell no, but for what it's worth, I don't regret a damn thing.

It'll always be laughable to make fun of others' differences and I'm not sorry for crossing the rigid line of political correctness. I don't think *The Statesman* needs to change its name and I still think getting wasted is the most pathetic way to spend the weekend. Gift registries, the Pub Crawl and the Plaza Food Court will continue to suck huge amounts of ass and girls' bathrooms are still drippy, smelly hellholes. For stepping on toes, taking risks, presenting biases toward conservative values and anything else I was part of that irked people, I feel hella accomplished.

Next year we'll publish the same offensive crap people read the paper for. The way we see it, if our writing enrages readers on a regular basis, we're doing something right.

- Amy Forsell

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To say goodbye to *The Statesman* this year, I've chosen to revive the lost art of Haiku. I will not be following the typical syllable patterns for two reasons: I have no clue what they are and I'm tired and lazy. Hey, shut up.

Bladder full of pee
As it empties, I think
Pissin' accomplished

I was the lone scholar
Down at Mardi Gras
Shouting, "Show us your wits!"

My milkshake brings
No boys to the yard
My broccoli-flavored milkshake

- Eric Simon

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Dirty-Ass Limericks

There once was a man named John
His wife was as nice as a swan
But one morning he woke
And felt a slight poke
And realized his johnson was gone.

There once was a man named Bill,
Who resided on Capitol Hill
His intern had a blue dress
And under his desk
She learned that it's best not to spill.

There once was a man named Pauly
For the movies he made, he is sorry
No, they're really not fun
And I would watch just one
But I'd rather let a bear maul me.

There once was a man named Mike
Who obsessed over young little tykes
He got caught on his ranch
Not wearing his pants.
He's now looking at his third strike.

- Keith Grauman

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Til Next Year, Suckas!



TONY MARQUARDT/PHOTO EDITOR

Here we are...the lame-os you've been reading all year long. However, we know we've been the highlight of your Thursdays and we're proud to be the reason you don't listen to your professor.

Left to right: Tim Anderson, Kevin Semlak, Brittany Hagan, Keith Grauman, Amy Forsell and Eric Simon

Objects for rent while I live with my parents this summer:

1. Large funnel attached to tube with duct tape
2. Brass knuckles
3. A slip and slide
4. Life-size crash test dummy
5. A paper mache duck
6. A condom dispenser from Super America
7. DIY circumcision kit
8. A miniature Yoda collection
9. A machete

Most of these products are in decent condition. Have a great summer and make sure you take advantage of your parents' amazing health insurance while you're home.

- Brittany Hagan

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My apologies to the cast of "Full House," ugly children, victims of prison rape, the Roman Catholic Church, pro-choice fanatics, pro-life fanatics, Canada, suicidal Minnesota Vikings and Buffalo Bills fans, midget pornographers, Jeff "The Bulldog" Gannon, that girl whose car I supposedly hit the other week, UMD parking Nazis, Bill O'Reilly and anyone else I may have offended over the year in my articles. On second thought, scratch off the apology to O'Reilly. I hate that ass face.

"It's good to have land."
- Stewie

- Tim Anderson

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Ah, Steve Whipple. What a cool dude. I bet he's about the coolest kid in school! Yeah, you know him. He's that guy who walks down the halls clicking off his finger pistol at all the hot chicks. He just knows that that sweatband on his head and that red ruby pinky ring is super "tight, yo."

David Hasselhoff. That's what I call him because he's not afraid to show off that cool hairy chest, that killer spray tan and, well, I bet his smile alone could save a drowning woman! Sometimes he "spitz" sweet rhymes to impress the "ladays" at parties and sometimes he stands around looking cool in his Joey Lawrence overalls.

So, next time you see Steve walking down the hall, give him a sweet hi-five and know that sometimes Steve Whipple's friends call him by the name Kevin Semlak.

- Kevin Semlak

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Year in Review

The best in entertainment and student life in 2004-2005

By MEGAN WAHMAN
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STUDENT LIFE EDITORS

We gave you exclusive interviews with B-list celebrities. We were there when Cold Stone Creamery opened and your lives were changed forever. We watched as Taking Back Sunday took UMD by storm.

Like sand through an hourglass, these were the stories of your lives, and we were with you through it all.

Student Life, the section formally known as A&E, now brings you the highlights of the 2004-05 school year.

Fall

The year started with some nudity. "Lake Superior Nudes," the first major Tweed Museum exhibit of the year, created by Craig Blacklock, featured his wife posing nude in and around Lake Superior.

Around that time, "Friends" was replaced with "Joey." Students were uncertain of their relationship with Joey and wondered if he would be as lovable without Monica, Chandler, Phoebe, Rachel and Ross.

Taking Back Sunday rocked the Romano Gym, Minnesotans got rowdy in Madison and Steve-O, one of America's favorite maniacs, made a "jack-ass" of himself at the NorShor Theatre by chewing on glass and asking audience members to drink his urine.

Other highlights of fall:

- 21 North opened, providing UMD students with a new place to get down.
- UMD Theatre's first production of the year, "Betrayal," opened on Oct. 7.
- The Student Life section of the *Statesman* premiered, bringing students more stories of student and campus life.
- Forty-nine Minnesotans were arrested in Madison, Wis., during the annual Halloween bash.

Winter

As the fall faded into winter students shoveled a record number of inches of snow off their sidewalks.

"The O.C." premiered on FOX, bringing a ray of sunshine to Minnesota.

Jordan Knight, the star of



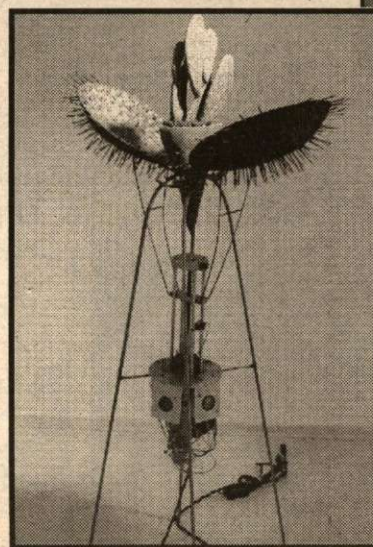
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"A Renaissance of Dance" on Feb. 5.



FILE PHOTO

Tangerine Dream, the popular MC of the he QSU Drag Show on April 2.



FILE PHOTO

Strategic Dysfunction can be seen through July.

prepubescent girls' fantasies in the early '90s, visited Duluth to promote his new album. While he wouldn't give an interview, he did give the Student Life editors a huge wake-up call.

Trampled by Turtles played at UMD, KPB hosted its first annual Frozen Yeti Film Festival, Mayor Herb Bergson jumped into Lake Superior to

and faculty, was performed.

- Dante DiFranco, a UMD Drag King, released her first book, offering tips for being a successful drag king.

- UMD student Maureen Sexton directed "The Heidi Chronicles," the first production of the year in the Dudley Experimental Theatre.

- Holiday cookie recipes, straight from the homes of *Statesman* staff members, delighted your taste buds.

- Duluth 10 Movie Theater opened in Canal Park.

- The Play Ground, the Duluth Play House's second stage, opened. Their first production was "The Laramie Project."

- The Glensheen and its infamous murders were featured on Court TV.

- The American National Ballet presented "Renaissance of Dance" in response to the Mayor's State of the City address.

Spring

While many would argue that spring hasn't officially sprung, the Student Life section celebrated the promise of warmer temperatures by exploring beer pong, a popular drinking game amongst college students.

Papa Roach infested the NorShor on March 11, playing to a sold-out crowd. The QSU had their spring Drag Show, where popular MC Tangerine Dream may have made her last appearance at the event.

Other highlights from this spring:

- Ed Schafer let one of our reporters sit in on a luthier lesson.
- Duluth had record snowfalls that continued into spring. The snowfall was a disappointment for some, but good news for our friends at Spirit Mountain.
- Erin Hawkins, the manager of the Kirby Info. Desk, was named Student Employee of the Year.
- "The Family Guy" premiered on FOX...again.
- Students got excited for upcoming summer concerts including Modest Mouse, Catchpenny and WE Fest.

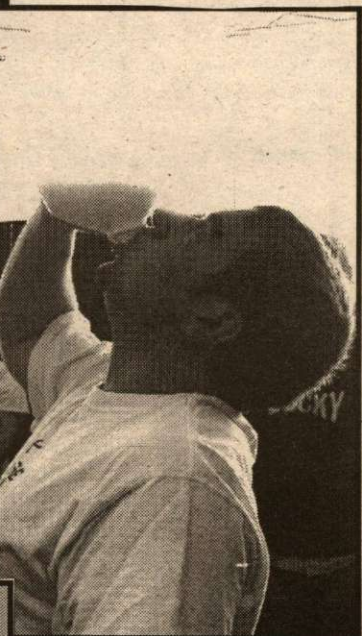
Other highlights from this winter:

- Bare Bones dance show, choreographed by students



FILE PHOTO

Brad and Cameran visited UMD in Feb.



FILE PHOTO

Ryan Olsen won the Out Cold milk-chugging contest on Thursday, March 3.

kick off Polar Plunge and Brad and Cameran from "The Real World" visited UMD.

Out Cold Week was a huge success and boasted a milk-chugging contest, free skiing at Spirit Mountain and an extremely popular chicken-strip eating contest.

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UMD students kick butt in the ring

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Aaron "Lightening" Lassi grunted as he locked arms with Canadian National team member Muzammal Nawaz in the center of the ring under the spotlight. Lassi, a hometown favorite and UMD alumnus, stood struggling in the last 10 seconds of the final round, as the crowd went wild and screamed. The bell rang and the crowd came to a standstill in anticipation for the judges' ruling. The open title of North American lightweight champion was on the line.

This was the scene at the Warrior's Fitness Club kickboxing Tournament, where Lassi, a UMD Alumnus, competed before a full house in the ballroom at the Grand Casino Hinckley on Saturday, April 30.

In the main event Lassi, who has a B.A. in History and Political Science, seized the North American title in 10 rounds.

"This was definitely my most challenging fight," said Lassi. "[Nawaz] had a lot of experience. He's left-handed and hard to hit."

Also competing that night were two current UMD students.

Adam McDermid, a Computer Science major and reigning Minnesota lightweight kickboxing champion, took on Gatin Boutin in the light heavy weight division, in a three round exhibition match.

Ryan Welles, a Philosophy and Political Science major, defeated Bart Molerndra in the light cruiser weight division, in a three round bout.

"He was tougher than I expected him to be," said Welles. "I like that he gave me a good fight, but I kicked more than he did. I just tried to control the direction of the fight."

McDermid and Welles, who train together over 20 hours a week at the Karate Plus Martial Arts and Kickboxing in Superior, Wis., made time for an interview before the match at Tatts by Zapp, where Welles works as a piercing manager.

McDermid, has been kickboxing for three years, has competed in nine fights and

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'Sweeney Todd,' cutting-edge thriller

By RACHEL SKELTON
STAFF REPORTER

Dark humor abounds in the witty "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," the play being presented by the UMD Theatre Department in collaboration with the Music Department.

Last Thursday marked the opening night for Stephen Sondheim's musical masterpiece that thoroughly entertained all in attendance and left them hungry for more.

UMD Theatre Professor and the play's Director, Kate Ufema, has selected a phenomenal cast with remarkable talent.

The cast members portray their characters perfectly and possess unbelievable voices that bring to life the mesmerizing musical score.

The elaborate and complicated set, powerful lighting, superb acting and orchestral accompaniment all fit together to create a macabre extravaganza that is a creepily unique blend of funny moments and clever puns, along with serious issues, such as rape and murder.

The chilling opening number, entitled "The Ballad of Sweeney Todd," captures the viewer's attention, brings them into the heart of industrial London and continues to engage them until the breathtaking finale, over two and a half hours later.

A.J. Converse delivers an intensely raw and passionate performance as Sweeney Todd, a formerly mild-mannered barber who becomes a crazed murderer thirsty for revenge.

His obsessive quest for vengeance is driven by the despicable Judge Turpin (Ben Elledge), a man who falsely imprisoned Sweeney in Australia for the last 15 years, raped his

beautiful wife, (which led to her suicide) and is now raising his teenage daughter, Johanna (Jennifer Milani).

Sweeney returns to London and vows to give the judge the closest shave he has ever had -- from ear to ear.

With the help of his eerily endearing pie baker companion, Mrs. Lovett (Eryn Tvete), Sweeney wields his razor and embarks on a killing spree upstairs from Mrs. Lovett's meat pie bakery.

The pair decides to put the corpses to good use and Mrs. Lovett, who is known for the worst pies in London, begins to create quite a following with her meat pies that now include a tasty special ingredient -- human flesh.

The uproariously funny and equally revolting "Have a Little Priest," a cannibalistic duet between Sweeney and Mrs. Lovett, was definitely a crowd pleaser.

The secondary story within "Sweeney Todd" involves a love story between sailor Anthony (Matthew Salmela), who has saved Sweeney's life, and Johanna.

Perhaps the most comedic moment in the play occurs when Anthony and Johanna are kissing on a bench and two quirky beggar girls quickly shield the lovers from the evil Judge Turpin by standing in front of them and curtsying.

Two key characters and amazing performances are the characters of Tobias, or Toby, and the beggar woman.

Toby (Brian Skellenger) is vulnerable and mentally unstable. He is taken under the wing of Mrs. Lovett after Sweeney murders his master, the sly Italian barber Pirelli (Bryan Maus).

The mysterious and amus-

ing beggar woman with an amazingly powerful voice (Stacia McKee) steals every scene she is in.

The complicated staging of the production makes this performance visually interesting as the cast enters and exits in unique fashion, avoids falling into an open orchestra pit and makes use of the balconies

surrounding the stage.

An eerie atmosphere is achieved by the expert lighting and special effects. Orange casts a hazy glow over the industrial London, while the grotesque murders are accented with screeches and blood red, flashing, background lights.

As the body count rises, so does the suspense as the au-

dience struggles to predict the shocking, ending twist.

To discover the secret behind "Sweeney Todd," you must attend this extraordinary production.

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Slogan encourages a new look at diversity

Diversity Commission chooses a slogan to influence culture at UMD

By LIBBY HARRIS
STAFF REPORTER

In an effort to further promote diversity in the college environment, the UMD Diversity Commission recently

held a slogan contest for UMD students. By April 5, the group had chosen a winner. UMD student Thatparan "Thats" Somasundaram created the slogan chosen.

The new slogan is: "Think outside the box...Look inside the person."

For Somasundaram, it didn't take long to create the saying.

"When I saw the announcement for the slogan contest, I was throwing some ideas together," said Somasundaram. "I have heard both phrases separately since they are popular clichés. I liked the combined meaning of these two phrases, so I entered the phrase."

The Diversity Commission plans on printing the slogan on T-shirts and buttons. The shirts will state, "Think outside the box" on the front, and "Look inside the person" on the back. These will be available by the fall of 2005. The T-shirts will be sold at events and the UMD Multicultural Center. The buttons will be free.

Ruth Leathers, of the College of Pharmacy and the chair of the Diversity Commission, said the contest would highlight the project's efforts to make students aware of the importance of diversity at UMD.

"We want to promote the message of celebrating diversity on this campus and make the Diversity Commission and its mission more visible," said Leathers.

"I hope it will bring heightened awareness of how inclusion and celebration of diverse groups of students, faculty, and staff enrich the educational and social environment of UMD."

Somasundaram agrees that UMD is creating a welcoming environment for diverse groups, but he hopes that more improvements will be made.

"I can see the difference in the quantity of diverse population in terms of the students and faculty since I joined UMD while ago," said Somasundaram. "I agree there have been many strides made in that area but we still have lot of room to improve. As a school, we still lack any kind of

organized program to integrate the diverse student body in to the general UMD population. We have a considerable amount of diverse student population, but all the diverse groups are polarized in their own groups. I would like to see the diverse groups mix frequently."

Somasundaram suggests that there are many ways to promote diversity on campus.

"Encourage students when they join UMD as freshmen to join these organizations," said Somasundaram. "There is a general perception that the diverse student organizations are only for people who fit that definition of that diverse group. In reality, they are open and welcoming to every student at UMD. Perhaps create opportunity for various student organizations to intermingle frequently beyond

their annual showcase cultural events."

Leathers believes the slogan and Diversity Commission will challenge the Duluth community to be more open to diverse cultures.

"I want

UMD to be a place that is known for welcoming and supporting diversity," said Leathers. "I hope it will bring heightened awareness of how inclusion and celebration of diverse groups of students, faculty and staff enrich the educational and social environment of UMD."

-Thats Somasundaram,
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CORRECTION:

In the April 28 issue of *The Statesman*, we wrongly identified the female pictured with the "Sweeney Todd" story in the Student Life section as Jennifer Piasecki.

The photo actually featured Eryn Tvete in her role as Mrs. Lovett in the play.

The Statesman regrets this error.

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Show displays dance group's 'Attitudes'

By ANN PERKINS
STAFF REPORTER

Dance, whirl and get on the floor. The beat is going to get you at this year's Attitudes Dance Association recital this Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7.

Attitudes Dance Association is a group of dancers who are independent from faculty advisors. The students choreograph and hold practices on their own and their hard work will culminate in a recital this weekend.

The recital will feature an array of different genres, including jazz, lyrical, modern, ballet and hip-hop.

"Dance in any form is entertaining, but this is such a variety of dance," said Aurora Kohler, the president of the Association. "This is not ballet, which only certain people enjoy. It is not modern dance, which other people only enjoy. There is something for everyone and all of our members are so talented."

Student choreographers began perfecting their pieces last fall and then held tryouts to find dancers who best fit each role. Kohler said some dancers, including herself, practice up to seven hours a week on their dance. She will perform in a theatrical style dance that she choreographed.

The recital is an opportunity to see the work of the Association. The members hope to inspire people to try out for next year's show.

"We are always open for people to see us and want to join the club," said Treasurer Kelly Lilledahl. "We would like to get people to come out and get involved in dance because it is a part of our lives and we would like it to be a part of theirs."

The organization, which is sponsored by the Student Association, is students with all levels of experience, not just Dance minors, and is also co-ed.

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DANCE: Show will fea- ture everything from ballet to hip-hop

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"It is for anyone who loves dance," said Kohler. "You don't have to be a dancer. We don't discriminate against anyone."

Kohler said that even people who have not danced before are welcome to tryout.

"They could learn new things," she said. "We try not to just focus on the performance. We go see shows. Last fall, we brought a dance teacher in from a New York theater who taught theatrical dance. We try to make it well-rounded, so there is always something to learn."

The group especially wants to see more men join the Association and said that men may be interested in the many forms of dance the organization performs.

"We'd like to see a lot more boys get interested in it," said Lilledahl. "It is not all ballet like people would think. There are some hip-hop dancers and some break dancers as well."

Kohler and Lilledahl are both Communication majors and Dance minors. They have each been dancing for about 18 years and teach dance lessons in their spare time. Kohler also teaches at and owns a dance studio in her hometown of Spooner, Wis.

The young women hope to continue teaching dance because they say it is their passion and a gift that they can give to the next generation of dancers.

The recital is May 6-7, at 7 p.m. in the Weber Music Hall. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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Fans will 'Hustle' to entertaining film

By MIKE DUBEROWSKI
STAFF REPORTER

A poster of the Fred Astaire-Ginger Rogers classical musical "Top Hat" boldly stands out in several background scenes of "Kung Fu Hustle," Stephen Chow's part-adventure, part-slapstick comedy, part-western and completely entertaining kung fu import.

The poster serves to remind us that "Kung Fu Hustle" is simply made to entertain audiences, much like the classic musicals of the 1940s.

If you're hoping to challenge your mind with serious issues or challenging storytelling, Chow's film is probably not what you're looking for.

Rather, it's for fans that turn to movies for simple entertainment -- Jackie Chan style. Chow, the film's writer, director and star, brings the same type of action and humor that Chan brought to "Shanghai Noon," except in more filling portions.

In "Kung Fu Hustle," Chow plays Sing, a clumsy 20-some-

thing who dreams of someday being a powerful member of the Axe Gang, an unforgiving group of gangsters that brutally slay anyone who fails to give them respect.

Often Sing and his best friend, simply titled Sing's Sidekick, pretend to be members of the blade-bearing gang, which gets them into trouble.

One day while doing their impersonation, Sing throws a firecracker over a fence that hits a leader of the Axe Gang. With hopes of saving himself,

Sing blames the firecracker on the local residents, which starts a war between the two sides.


This isn't the only time Sing finds bad luck. In one of the film's funniest scenes, Sing throws a knife at an opponent, only to have it ricochet back and pierce his shoulder.

There's no doubt that Sing is clumsy, foolish and unskilled. Yet he is convinced that he will someday be accepted as a powerful member of the Axe Gang.

He has believed this since reading a useless kung fu book that he bought from a con man. He is willing to do anything to prove he deserves membership, even if it means finding and fighting The Beast (Siu Lung Leung), the deadliest killer in town.

This is the seventh direction from writer-director Stephen Chow, and likely his most popular. His last film, the critically acclaimed "Shaolin Soccer," had the make of a

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MOVIE:

Film features Jackie Chan-like style of Kung Fu

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blockbuster, but was never given the chance it deserved.

"Kung Fu Hustle," fortunately, has been given a chance by opening in more than 2,000 theaters across the nation. Hopefully audiences will take advantage of the opportunity and see the highly entertaining import.

If they don't, it's likely due to the lack of interest in the art of kung fu. But Chow's film has much more to offer than ordinary kicks and chops. It's also a slapstick comedy and a western set in the Far East.

There are scenes that feel tiresome and cheesy, but they are far and few between the film's many laughs.

"Hustle" feels very much like a Jackie Chan movie mixed together with an episode of "Looney Tunes." In fact, the film's funniest scene has an undeniable resemblance to a scene from the Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote.

Yet, I can't help feeling that cinema is supposed to offer us more than Saturday morning cartoon-quality entertainment. Then again, "Looney Tunes" was the pinnacle of morning comics. Similarly, "Kung Fu Hustle" may just be the peak of Kung Fu comedies.

Grade: B+

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KICKBOXING:

UMD alumnus and current students duke it out in the ring

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has been doing martial arts for four years.

Welles has been kickboxing seriously for the past two years, has competed in five fights and has been involved in the martial arts for the past 10 years.

They talked about some rules for novices and their experience with the sport.

All kicks must be above the waist. A "sweep," an attempt to knock an opponent off their feet, is legal as long as only the foot and not the leg or joint is kicked.

Most kickboxing matches go three to five rounds in amateur competition and seven to 10 rounds in professional competition.

Although kickboxing is often perceived as a violent sport, McDermid and Welles say it actually is more of a mental game than a physical one.

"It is not just going in there and pounding on someone," said Welles. "Because if you try and do that you are going to get knocked out. It's totally a mental game, the physical part is only 15 to 20 percent of it."

They both say that when they are in the ring it is important to stay focused.

"A million things are going through my head," said McDermid. "I try to relax and focus. I try to block everything else out because otherwise it gets overwhelming."

The vigorous training schedule however, can pose as a challenge for students who want to compete in kick-

boxing. They must find a way to strike a balance between school, work and the gym.

"It's all about time management," said Welles. "The only thing that is frustrating about going to UMD is that they treat athletics as a cornerstone of the University, but they don't treat people competing outside the University as athletes and I find that pretty frustrating."

After college, McDermid said he will continue kickboxing. His goal is to go pro and to win the nationals this August in Orlando, Fla.

Welles said Saturday night's fight may have been his last because he wants to continue on in his education after completing his undergraduate degrees, although he left open the possibility of going back into the ring.

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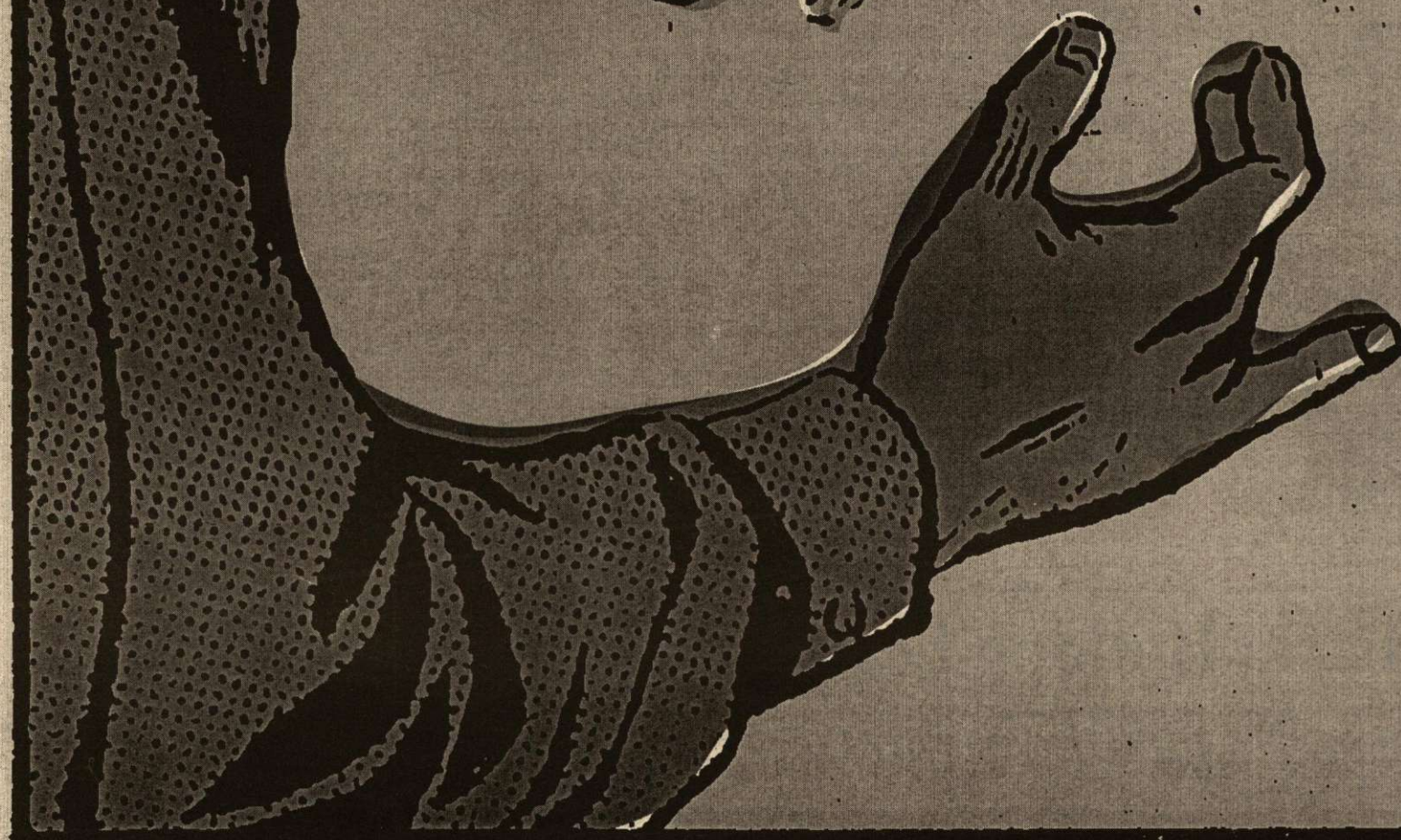
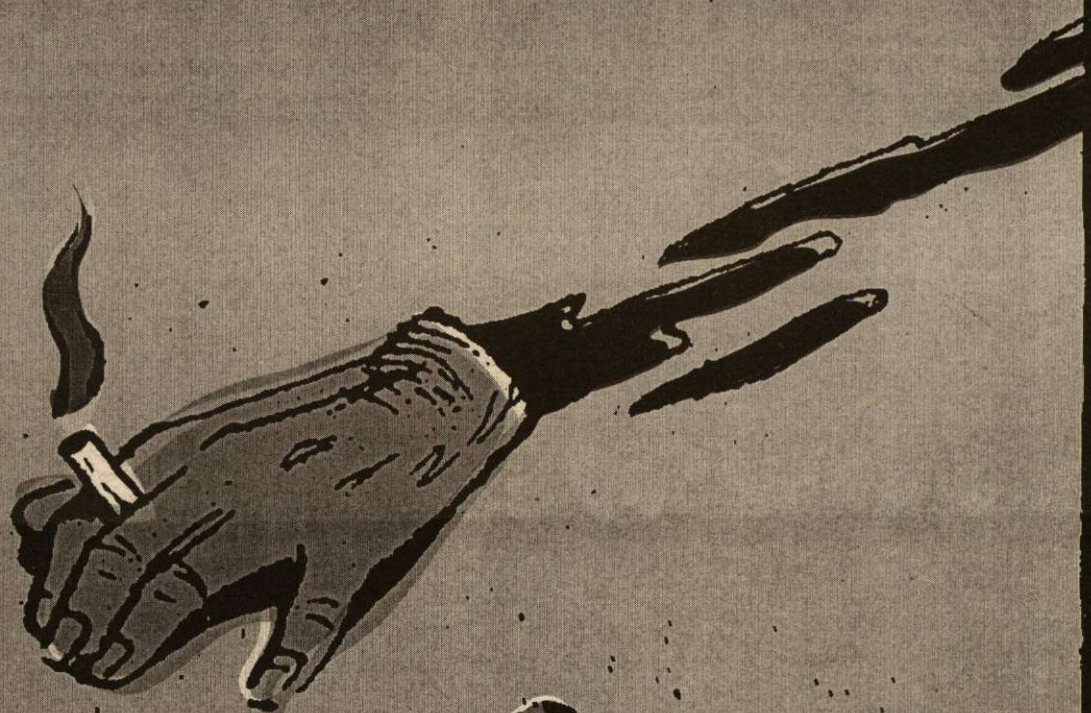
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The Bulldogs continue their final weeks of the season with some ups and downs. See how the spring teams are doing in the Rundown on page 21.

Walters to box at DECC

UMD student by day, 'Jungle Boy' by night

By MATTHEW SAUTER
STAFF REPORTER

After a recent rise in the pro rankings Zach "Jungle Boy" Walters, a fifth year UMD student, is the main event in this weekend's Truth in Duluth. This will be the first pro fight held at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center in over a decade.

"I'm really thrilled and excited to fight in Duluth," said Walters. "There is a lot of added pressure fighting here at home, I feel I have to perform, but I'm up to the challenge."

This being the first time the DECC has ever promoted a boxing match has DECC Director Dan Russell excited for Saturday.

"The reason we are doing this is because of Zach's popularity," said Russell. "It won't be long before Zach will be too big for this market, he's just that good."

Walters holds a record of 11-1 with nine knockouts. He recently traveled to Florida for a two-week training session to get ready for this weekend's fight. He worked with

boxing training legend, James "Buddy" McGirt who has a career training record as a professional of 73-6-1, including 48 KOs.

"McGirt just told me, 'you're a good fighter and I see a championship in your future,'" said Walters. "We really didn't train much differently then I have before, he just has a close eye on you and he knows how to take what you are good at and make you great."

With the added experience McGirt brings Walters, he is confident he can put up a good fight against the hard throwing Jesse "Iron Jaw" Sanders. Both Walters and Sanders are tough fighters combining for a 19 total knockouts in their 25 combined decisions.

"[Sanders] is really good and he throws a lot of bombs," said

Walters. "He's more of a non-traditional fighter and is going to come out with a barrage of punches. I just have to stick my ground."

Walters has received a lot of praise and has recently been making waves in the professional fighting ranks.

"Zach is a remarkable guy and has such a great story," said Russell after an appearance on Fox Sports Network. According to Russell, a win this weekend should skyrocket Walters into a boxing whirlwind, but before Walters can reach for fame, he must do battle against Sanders.

Walters says he has done his homework on his opponent and noticed one thing that makes Sanders such a dominating force -- his ability to back his opponents up.

"He comes out punching and a lot of the guys he's fought get timid and back up, then he's got them," said Walters. "I have to try and not let him back me up."

Walters reported that Sanders told his manager that he was going to knock him out this weekend, but Walters was very confident that there will be a different ending.

"I'm going to beat him," Walters said. "Whatever he comes to the ring with, I'm prepared

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Twenty-nine years of Grandma's Marathon brings over 9,000 to Duluth



JEFF FREY PHOTOGRAPHY
The 26-mile Grandma's Marathon has finished in Canal Park for all 29 years.

By KEITH GRAUMAN
STAFF REPORTER

One of Duluth's largest summer events, Grandma's Marathon, has become a very popular race around the Midwest, giving many Duluthians and racers a chance to see Duluth in a much healthier way.

The race, which goes from Two Harbors to Canal Park in Duluth, has reached its maximum enrollment of 9,300 people.

Grandma's Marathon started in 1977 with a group of just 150 runners.

Today, Grandma's Marathon is nationally known and has reached its maximum enrollment every year since 1991, according to Laura Wright in the Public Relations department at Grandma's.

The race, which will begin at 7:30 a.m. on June 18, is a 26-mile journey that begins just outside of Two Harbors and goes down Old Highway 61. The race finishes halfway

down Canal Park Drive, across from Little Angie's Cantina.

Results from the race will be posted to the Grandma's Marathon web page throughout the day as runners come streaming through the finish line.

Sara Schwan, who is no stranger to the finish line, has ran Grandma's two times and is gearing up for this year's race.

"I like it because it's small," said Schwan. "I think Grandma's is so cool because they do such a great job of just making you feel welcome. I can't think of any other run that's along [Lake] Superior, which is beautiful. It's just gorgeous, the temperature's great, too. I can't say anything bad about it."

Schwan has been training for the past few months in order to be ready for the marathon. Grandma's suggests a four-month training program, said Schwan.

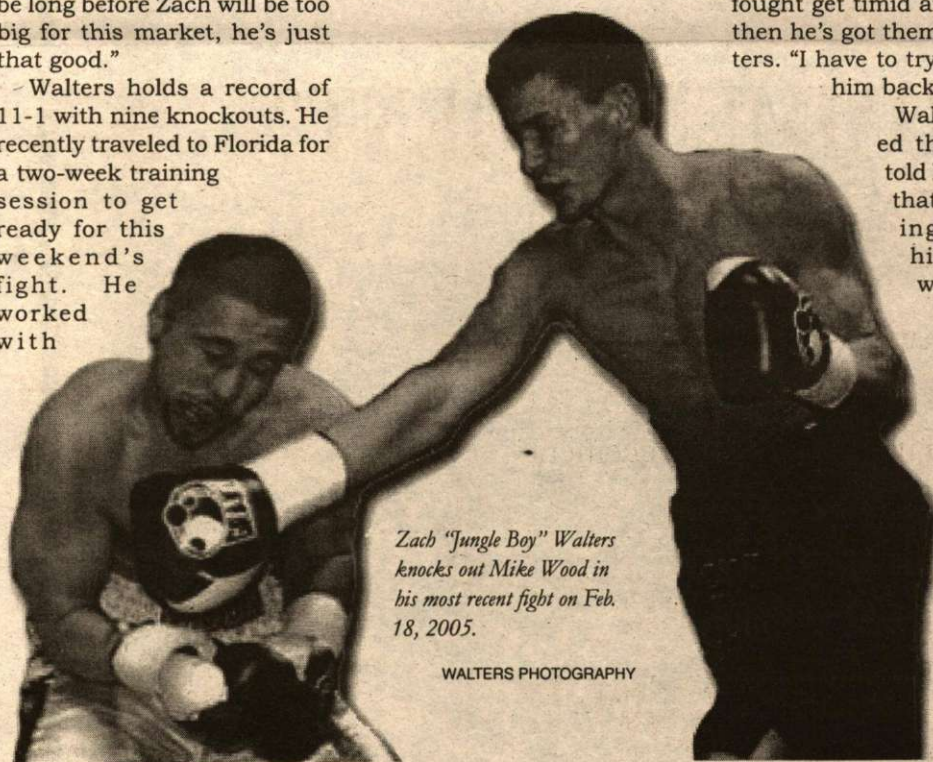
She does a "long-run" every weekend. She started at 10 miles and gradually works her way up to doing 17 miles. Her goal is to run 20 miles a couple of times before the actual 26-mile race.

For those who think 26 miles sounds a bit daunting, there is the Gary Bjorklund Half-Marathon. Bjorklund, a Duluth native, was an Olympic runner in the late '70s and early '80s. The half-marathon was created in his honor. Beginning in 1991, the half-marathon has reached its full capacity every year.

Beginning partway down Highway 61, participants run only the second half of the race and end at the finish line in Canal Park.

"It is a very popular race," said Wright. "People find it to be a more manageable distance than the marathon."

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Zach "Jungle Boy" Walters knocks out Mike Wood in his most recent fight on Feb. 18, 2005.

WALTERS PHOTOGRAPHY

A look back: Bulldog best and worst of 2004-2005

By AARON PRICE
SPORTS EDITOR

As the 2004-2005 school year comes to an end, we are reminded of all the positive and negative things the UMD Bulldogs offered their dedicated fans this year.

We were glorified by being placed in a stronger and much more competitive conference, and then devastated by a men's hockey team who couldn't seem to get anything right. All in all we look back at

these last two semesters and realize that the craziness of the 2004-05 season will help us learn to be better next year.

As the 2004 season started off, many fans questioned the reason UMD changed from the Northern Inter-collegiate Sun Conference to the North Central Conference.

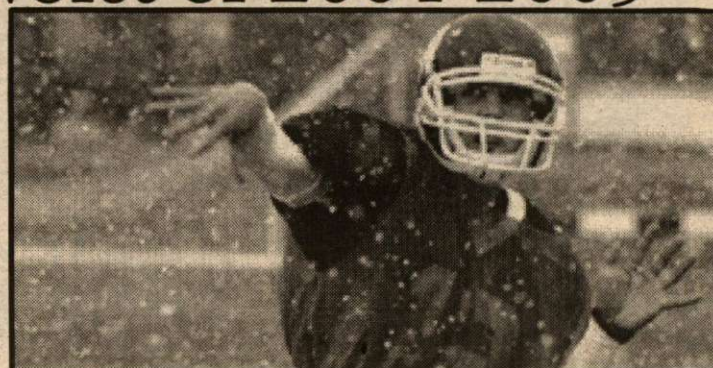
Fans were told that more challenges would lie ahead in the much more aggressive NCC, as well as more recognition for UMD. Fans were then surprised to find out how hard

the NCC actually was for many fall and winter athletics.

The football team, under new Head Coach Kyle 'Bubba' Schweigert's wing, was led to an unimpressive overall record of 4-7, with a 1-5 record in the NCC. The Bulldogs were working with a very young team. They experienced inconsistency from a rookie quarterback and the constant problem of injury-stricken players.

On the upside, the Bulldogs were fortunate enough to have

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UMD ATHLETICS
UMD quarterback Ted Schlafke throws a pass in Spring Game XXXI. The football team had already been preparing for the 2005 season with practice and a football game in April. The 2005-2006 season will start Aug. 27, against Chadron State in New England.

Bulldogs strengthen as seasons come to an end

By STEVE DOMBECK
STAFF REPORTER



The Bulldog Rundown



The University of Minnesota Duluth spring athletic teams had an average May start with a 3-4 record in softball and baseball, and the track team dominated in both the Bulldog Open and the Gustie Open.

SOFTBALL

The UMD women's softball team lost all three games over the weekend at the Maverick Invitational held in Mankato, Minn.

The Bulldogs lost the first game 5-4 to Southwest State on Saturday.

A total of five home runs were hit; three by UMD. **Michelle Butkus** and **Nikki Jensen** connected on solo shots in the second inning for the Bulldogs, and Butkus hit another solo shot in the sixth. The two home runs for Butkus, a freshman, were the first two of her collegiate career.

In the second game of the day, UMD only managed four hits and lost to Concordia 1-0.

Jessica Horne pitched for the Bulldogs, while giving up only five hits and striking out three.

The third game of the week-

end resulted in another one-run loss to previous Northern Sun Inter Collegiate conference rival Winona State 7-8. Bulldog catcher **Dayna Groom** hit two home runs and a double, Zech also continued with her hot bat, ending up 3-for-4 with two runs in the game.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs took one of two games against visiting Minnesota State Moorhead. UMD dropped the first game 9-6, with Groom and Zech each recording two hits. The Bulldogs bounced back in the second game with a 5-4 come-from-behind victory.

The Bulldogs scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to take the game.

On Wednesday the Bulldogs won 8-4 and 9-0 against the College of St. Scholastica in a non-conference double-header.

The Bulldogs are now 19-30 overall and 5-9 in the NCC.

The team will now head to Vermillion, S.D., this weekend for the two-day NCC Tournament. The Bulldogs will take on MSU Friday in the opening round.

BASEBALL

Last Thursday, the baseball team traveled to Bemidji and swept the Beavers two games to none. The Bulldogs combined to score 38 runs in two games with scores of 17-6, and 21-5.

In the first game **Brian Bataglia**, **Alex Johnson** and **Nate Cermak** all had hits for the Bulldogs.

Pitcher **Justin Hayes** picked up his second win of the season for the Bulldogs as he went five innings, giving up seven hits, four earned runs and striking out eight.

In the second game the Bulldogs quickly picked up five runs in the first inning and grabbed 13 more in the top half of the second. **Shawn Lindsay**, **Cermak** and **Nick Volkmann** all hit home runs for the Bulldogs.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs extended their unbeaten streak to six games with two victories over St. Cloud State. The Bulldogs won the first game 9-2, scoring four runs in the home half of the first inning.

Tim Garceau had three hits and also worked a hitless

seventh inning on the mound.

Luke Johnson added a home run in the game as well.

In the second game, the Bulldogs came from behind in the seventh inning to defeat the Huskies 7-6. Freshman **Ty Fadness** came through under pressure with a double in the seventh inning that scored two to win the game.

Kyle Zweber picked up his first victory of his Bulldog career while pitching one and one-thirds innings.

The Bulldogs continued their late dominance over the Huskies, this time in St. Cloud, with a 10-2 victory in the first game. In the second game, the Bulldogs dropped a 10-6 game to the Huskies snapping their seven-game winning streak.

Garceau had a successful day at the plate with five hits in the series, which included two grand slams and a solo home run.

On Wednesday night the Bulldogs faced the Bemidji State Beavers in a double header. The Bulldogs won both games; 10-2 in the first game and 3-2 in the second.

They are now 22-20, and tied for third in the NCC with a 7-9 record.

Up next the Bulldogs will travel to North Dakota State and Augustana College before concluding the regular season.

TRACK

The Bulldog track team combined to win 15 events at the Bulldog Open.

Josh Dark was the highlight of the day as he broke the school's hammer throw record by eight inches with a throw of 188 feet. Heather Hamilton won the women's Steeplechase event with a time of 12:08.50.

The Bulldogs traveled down to Des Moines, Iowa, to compete in the Drake Relays. On the men's side, the team of **Nate Beerling**, **Jared Clementson**, **Rob Winterfeld** and **Denis Jacobson** recorded a fifth place finish in the Distance Medley.

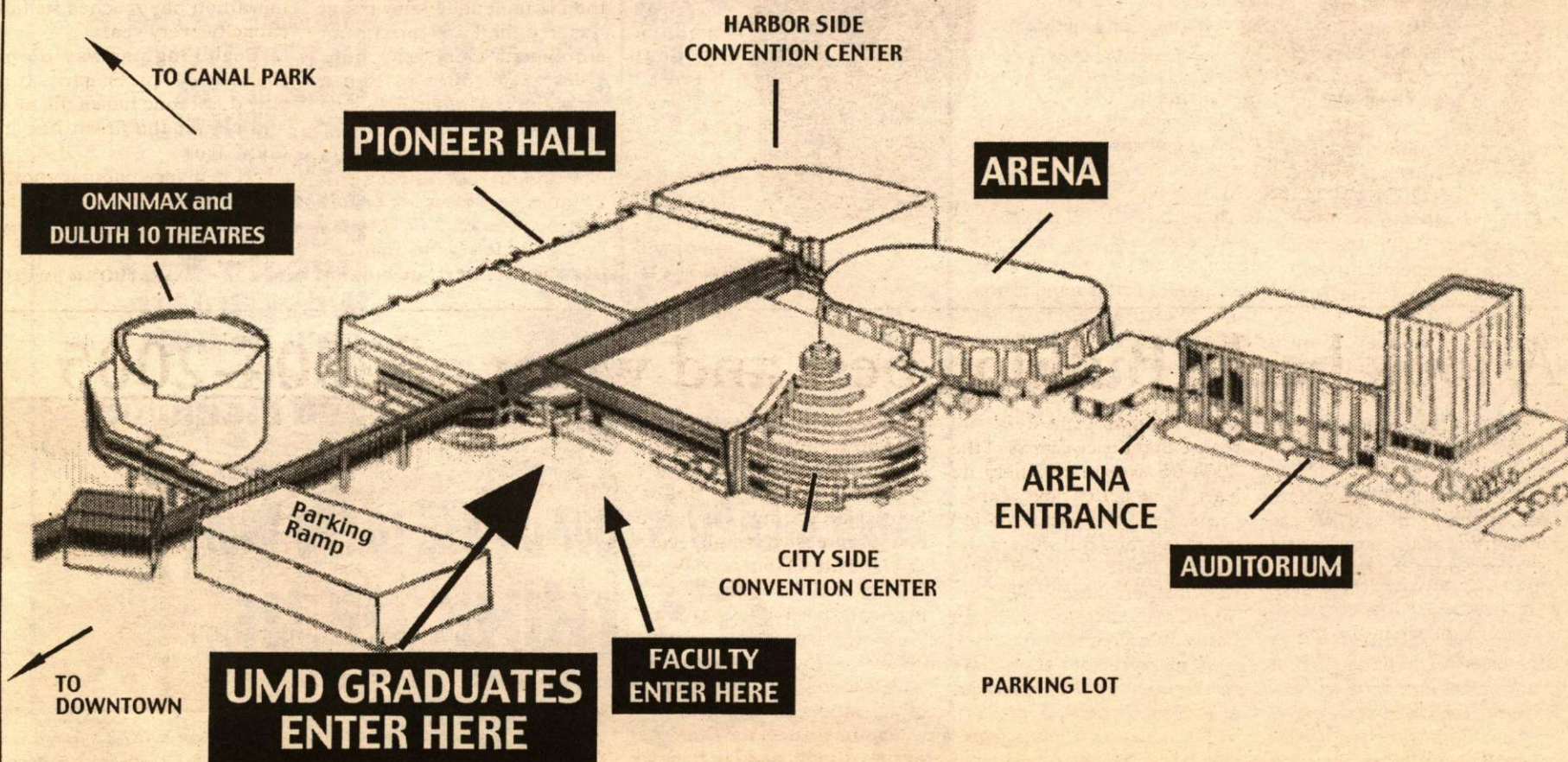
On the women's side, **Megan Beilke**, **Ashley Schmolke**, **Abby Demulling** and **Becca Price** rewrote a UMD record. They ran a time of 1:46.29 in the 4 x 200 preliminary relay breaking the previous record.

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RECAP: Disappointing surprises occur during winter

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the talent of outside linebacker Russ Rabe, who became UMD's all-time leader in sacks. He finished off his football career with 224 total tackles, 29 quarterback sacks, 45.5 tackles for a loss and then signed a free agent contract with the New Orleans Saints.

The soccer team had yet another disappointing year, not making a tournament and struggling through the season with an overall record of 3-8-4 and a 1-4-1 record in the NCC.

The team did experience some good fortune from this season as defender Patty Kelly and CoSIDA Academic All-American candidate Pam Lensing were honored with being named to the Second Team All-NCC.

The men's and women's cross-country teams had an average year in the NCC, claiming some respectable honors. The UMD men made an unprecedented second-straight national appearance in the 2004 NCAA II Cross Country Championships and placed 21st out of 24 teams.

On the women's side, sophomore Sara Frederickson joined a very select group of UMD runners when she became just the second Bulldog ever to secure NCAA All-American honors in cross country.

The volleyball team was definitely the most exciting team to watch during the fall season, as they claimed UMD's first ever NCC championship. The women finished with a strong 27-5 record and No. 4 in the final American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) poll, the highest spot that UMD has ever finished.

The Bulldogs continued after the championship and secured a spot in the 2004 NCAA Elite Eight, but lost in the first round to Barry University, who went on to take the National Championship.

Individual honors that were awarded to UMD volleyball players included 2004 NCAA Elite Eight All-Tournament team spots for Callie Zwettler and Vicky Braegelmann and a National Coach of the Year honor for Jim Boos.

The men's hockey team looked to be a solid contender for the NCAA Championship as they started off the season ranked No. 1 in the WCHA. Unfortunately, the season took a surprising turn when UMD began losing to some lower ranked teams.

The No. 6 Bulldogs would go on to accumulate 19 losses (13 of them in WCHA conference play) and lose in the first round of the WCHA tournament for the first time in three years. The season ended as the Bulldogs missed the NCAA tournament with a 15-17-6 overall record and an 11-13-4 conference record.

Some highlights for the hockey team included team captain Evan Schwabe being selected to the 2004-05 All-WCHA second team, and landing a spot on the WCHA's All-Academic Team for 2004-05 with Luke Stauffacher, Josh Miskovich and Neil Petruic.

The women's hockey team had a great year returning with their dominating, almost championship-like form. The women held strong with a 26-6-2 overall record and a 22-4-2 record in the WCHA.

The No. 2 Bulldogs made their way to the WCHA Tournament and lost to the No. 3 ranked Wisconsin Badgers. They eventually earned a spot in the NCAA tournament, but fell short in the first game to St. Lawrence University.

Highlights for the women included: senior captain Caroline Ouellette being named as a first team All-American, and fellow senior Julianne Vasichuk named to the second team.

The men's basketball team consisted of five freshmen, four sophomores and four juniors. They finished the season with a 12-16 overall record and 4-8 in the NCC. It was UMD's first losing season for men's basketball.

John Vaudreuil had a brilliant freshman year, leading the NCC in freshman scoring (11.1 PPG). He was named the conference's Freshman of the Year.

The women's basketball team had a good first year in the NCC holding on to a record of 20-9 overall and enjoying their first visit to the NCAA Division II North Central Region tournament.

The women worked their way through the conference to take the No. 2 spot, but unfortunately could not get very far in the tournament, falling to St. Cloud State University in the first game.

The Bulldogs received much praise for forward Lindsey Dietz, who was selected as a Daktronics First Team All-American for 2004-05. Dietz's selection marked the first such honor for a Bulldog since Daktronics began sponsoring Women's Basketball All-American Teams in 1995.

Dietz was also selected as *ESPN the Magazine's* National Academic All-American of the Year.

Now that the 2004-2005 seasons have almost wrapped up, it would seem that next year should bring some much more exciting games from every team. As many new recruits and many new faces get ready to become part of the Bulldog teams, coaches predict the 2005-2006 season should and be filled with more excitement.

Each Bulldog team will also continue their hunt for the school's first National Championship. There's always next year.

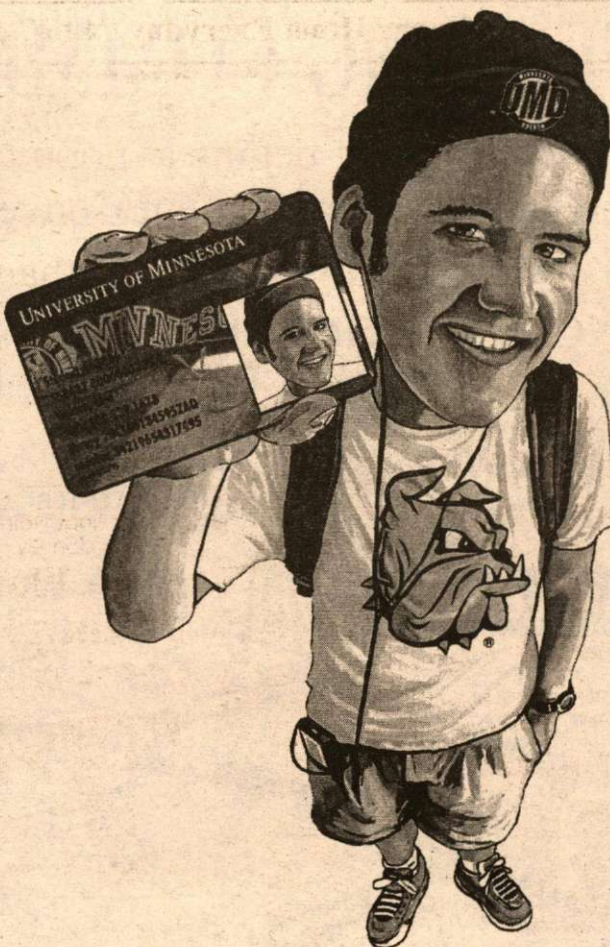
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TRUTH: Walters hopes to work Sanders punch for punch

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for. He for sure isn't going to knock me out."

Though Walters was confident that he will be able to maintain with Sanders punch for punch, he added, "If I see 'the' punch (referring to the knock out punch), I'll take it," said Walters. "But if you go into a fight looking to just knock the guy out you are going to get tired and then by the third round the other guy is going to put you down."

Along with a professional fighting career, Walters is two classes away from a Sociology major and plans to continue college as far as he can, even to a Master's degree.

Walters does admit it is a challenge combining the two, and finding room to train and study is a continual juggling act.

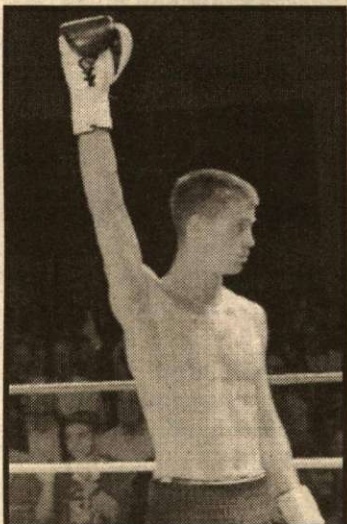
"This fight has been the toughest to juggle," said Walters. "I have a lot of presentations and I missed two weeks when I was training. I really owe a lot of thanks to the professors, they helped a lot."

The four other matches include Raphael Butler vs. Travis Fulton in a six-round heavyweight match. Brian Fulton vs. Andy "Kaos" Kolle in a four-round middleweight match. Undefeated Scott "Bad News" Ball (4-0) vs. Kane Pudwill (6-4) in a six-round welterweight match. And Rob Adamson vs. Ben "Show Stopper" Dayee in a six-round junior middleweight match.

"We expect a huge crowd, over 2,000 tickets sold already and with the popularity of Zach this should be a fun fight," said Russell.

Truth in Duluth will feature Walters vs. Sanders in an eight-round-bout along with four other professional fights. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$25 for reserved floor seating, \$50 for ringside and \$100 for VIP front row.

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WALTERS PHOTOGRAPHY

Zach 'Jungle Boy' Walters celebrates in his first fight under McGirt. Light heavyweight Walters dominated Mike Wood in fifth round Total Knockout.

From Gopher to Bulldog

By AARON PRICE
SPORTS EDITOR

A surprising transfer from the U of M Golden Gopher men's basketball team may be what the Bulldogs need to turn their just under average team into a top contender for next year's NCC.

The UMD men's basketball team announced last week that UMTC freshman Jordan Nuness, of Eden Prairie, Minn., will transfer to UMD and play for the Bulldogs beginning in September.

Nuness, a 6-foot-4-inch, 210-pound guard, played in nine games at the U last season and averaged 1.3 points per game.

In High School, Nuness

garnered All-State honorable mention in both his junior and senior seasons at EPHS. He was named to the Lake All-Conference twice, sharing the honors with current Bulldog John Vaudreuil. In his senior year, Nuness averaged 14.0 points and 4.2 rebounds per game.

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UMD ATHLETICS

Former Gopher Jordan Nuness.

MARATHON: Half-Marathon also draws heavy participation

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Registration is closed for this year's half-marathon. They normally receive about 7,000 applications for the half-marathon and can only allow 4,500 people.

The Half-Marathon starts at 6:30 a.m. on the same day as Grandma's.

The general public is encouraged to come out and show their support as runners

from both races enter the final stretch.

"The majority of the spectators will line up along Superior Street and then on into Canal Park for the home stretch," said Wright. "The bulk of the spectators are in downtown and in Canal Park."

Grandma's will be sending out applications for next year's Marathon from September 2005 to January 2006. In order to obtain an application, send a self addressed stamped envelope with a letter requesting an application to P.O. Box 16234, Duluth, MN 55816. The cost is \$65, but your money will be refunded if your application is denied.

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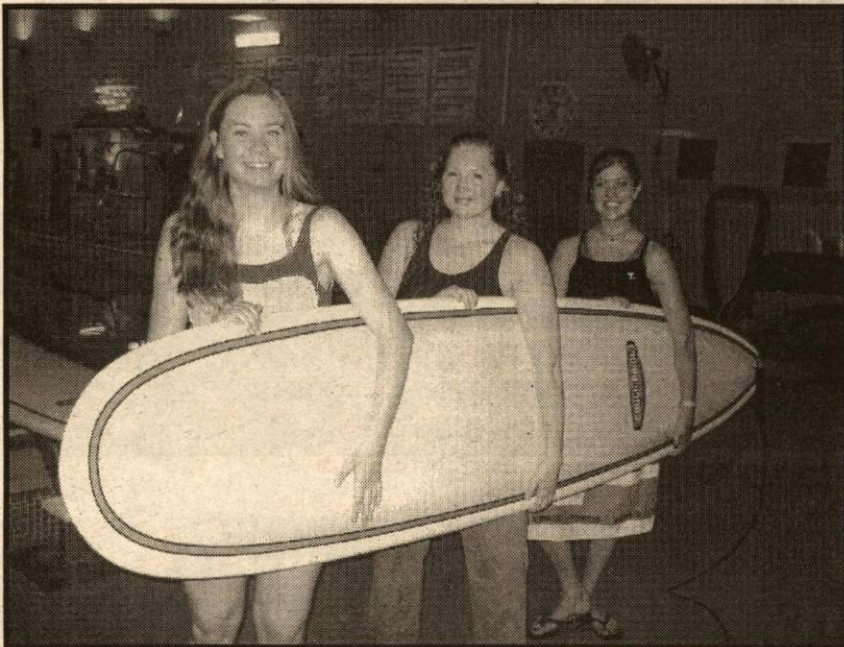
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— William Humphrey

RSOP sponsors shark-free surfing



AMBER GLAWE/UMD STATESMAN
UMD students Misty Eliason, Becky Bolstead and Joanna Conkel preparing for another session of the UMD RSOP "Surfing Based Strength and Conditioning" program.

By AMBER GLAWE
STAFF WRITER

Surfing? In Duluth? Normal people might naturally assume that this sport is impossible in northern Minnesota. But that assumption is completely incorrect. Just ask the people of UMD RSOP, the geniuses behind the "Surfing Based Strength & Conditioning -- Pool Sessions" program.

Once a week, a group of students meet and learn the basics of surfing at the UMD pool. And yes, they get to use surfboards.

Instructors Gregg Batinich and Randy Carlson lead the group in a series of surf-related activities each Wednesday. Batinich, a lifelong swimmer and surfer from Southern California, instructs the class on endurance training and hypoxic swimming (a technique that limits the breaths a swimmer takes). Carlson teaches technique, strategies and surfboard handling.

"The change of seasons in northern Minnesota brings tremendous opportunity for boardsports like surfing and

kiteboarding," said Carlson. "This program is set up to take advantage of both surfing and kiteboarding."

Class topics range from paddle technique to surf etiquette. Hypoxic swimming trains future surfers to improve their comfort level while submerged for longer periods of time. For instance, class participants are asked to swim one length of the pool and then dive to the bottom, grab a brick and run along the pool bot-

tom for 10 to 12 feet before surfacing.

It is critical that a surfer has strong swimming skills in order to paddle out -- not to mention survive in any serious situation that might arise in the water.

Being in a pool obviously isn't the same as the real thing, but pool experience is a good

way for beginners to get their feet wet.

To simulate real surfing, a rope can be tied to the board and a person stands on the pool deck and pulls the board and its rider across the pool. Otherwise, one person can push someone who is on a board, who then can pop up into a stance and glide for a short time.

So, why would anyone want to take this class, knowing the only "real" nearby water is less than 40 degrees at any point in the year?

"I know some people who surf Lake Superior and I wanted to give it a try," said Joanna Conkel, a UMD student. "I've surfed in Hawaii but I needed another lesson."

"I hope to maybe get out on the Lake, and it's something to do with my roommates," said UMD student Steph Anderson. "I like other boardsports and surfing seems like something fun to keep doing, especially if I live in a warmer place someday. And the instructors are cool."

Given the Zen-like devo-

tion of professional surfers to their sport, it's easy to wonder what draws people to surfing. Is it the waves, the sunlight, or simply the feeling of riding on top of the water?

"Just being on the board, I guess," said UMD student Melissa Peterson. "It's not something you can do anywhere. I've been in love with surfing for a long time. My friends think I'm nuts anyway, so why not?"

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AMBER GLAWE/UMD STATESMAN
UMD student Melissa Peterson practices her surfer stance in the pool. Pool practice allows beginners to learn the basics of surfing.

Again, why an Outdoors section?

By TOM HAZELTON
OUTDOORS EDITOR

We here at *The Statesman* Outdoors section are surprised. The Outdoors page itself was really an experiment this year; *The Statesman* has not always had an Outdoors page, and might not always have one. Reader feedback is really the only way we can measure our success.

We only received one letter all year that was critical of either the page or of our hobbies in general (*anti-cat-shooting letter to the editor*, April 21, 2005). Granted, that letter included a thinly veiled death threat, but we still anticipated (and maybe even hoped for) a little more controversy this year.

All the other feedback we received was positive and, notably, related to the fishing or hunting stories exclusively. The Big Buck Contest drew more reader response than any

of us predicted. And as with all sections of the newspaper, the Outdoors page developed a number of readers that would turn to it first every Thursday for their North Shore fishing update or RSOP coverage. We heard from them.

We did *not* hear from anyone who didn't like what we were doing with the page.

Maybe they were just too busy arguing about other issues that arose in *The Statesman* this year (Women's Studies comes to mind).

In any case, reader feedback (or a lack of it) is taken into account when the design and purpose of a section like this is decided. What changes would you like to see next year? What would you like to see remain the same?

Please e-mail us your thoughts. If you don't, you will have no right to complain next year when your favorite outdoor pursuit isn't mentioned.

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Duluth area offers plenty of summer fishing opportunities

By BRIAN PORTER
STAFF WRITER

The ending of another school year means more than finals and finding a summer job. It also signifies the beginning of another summer fishing season. In a few weeks, my only worries will consist of scheduling 40 or so hours of work around a jam-packed fishing schedule. We are truly blessed to live in a state that offers countless fisheries, and the Duluth area is no exception. Area anglers have a wide variety of locations and game fish to choose from. Here are a few of my personal favorites.

Lake Superior

Since there is little in the way of structure to confine the fish that roam the icy waters of Lake Superior, covering territory is the best strategy when it comes to fishing it. The most effective way to locate and catch fish on Superior is to troll an assortment of baits for a long duration of time. Eventually, a pattern of colors, water temperature, and time of day develops, and success is the result.

Predatory fish like lake trout and salmon follow massive schools of baitfish for a majority of their lives, and typically relate to little else. Deciphering water temperatures can be instrumental in locating these groups of fish, since they move deeper and farther from shore as the summer progresses. Finding the color and size of lures that are working on a given day can also be the difference between a simple pleasant boat ride and a successful fishing trip.

Although learning the nuances of this fishery and collecting the equipment required to effectively fish it can easily turn into a lifelong investment, there are a few less-costly options for those looking to give it a try. There are numerous charter services operating out of the Duluth Slip and Barker's Island that can offer anglers the opportunity to make use of top-notch equipment and a captain's years of experience. The price tag may be a little tough on a college student's budget, but the experience can be well worth skipping a few nights out at a bar.

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Those with smaller boats can fish surface baits using inline planer boards in place of mast and trolling board setups, and reach deeper water with "Dipseys Divers" rather than investing in downriggers. Either way, a successful day on Superior will provide anglers with lasting memories and a few high-quality meals.

Island, Boulder and Rice Lakes

For those devoted to the pursuit of those elusive marble eyes, these three Duluth-area lakes can provide plenty of excitement. Early in the year, Rice offers the chance at decent numbers of eating-size walleyes as well as fast action for pike on artificial baits. This lake becomes fairly choked with weeds farther into the summer, and I personally don't like to fish it later in the season for that reason.

The enormous variety of structure present on Island Lake can make targeting wall-eyes somewhat difficult, but those willing to put in the time to learn it usually do pretty well. The lake also boasts a healthy population of small-mouth bass that can provide excitement on light tackle. Another species that does not receive much publicity in Island Lake is the muskie. Stocking efforts over the past decade have established a healthy population of these toothy critters, and the lake provides more than adequate forage and cover.

In my own experience, Boulder has been the best producer of walleyes, although the average size can be fairly small. The lake does hold big-

ger fish, but it seems that the population of 'eyes in the 10- to 14-inch class is so large that they are the primary catch. It is not uncommon to land 30 to 40 fish in one day on Boulder, and there are usually enough bigger fish thrown in the mix to provide a decent meal.

North Shore Streams

The Minnesota DNR typically keeps Lake Superior's North Shore tributaries well stocked with rainbow, brook and sometimes brown trout. Fly fisherman should not overlook the inland reaches of these streams, as they can provide quality brook trout fishing throughout the summer. Such outings often require some back woods hiking, but these efforts can result in enjoyable scenery and gorgeous fish. The beauty of native brook trout alone can be worth a trudge through the brush, and the fight these fish put up as well as the delicious meal they can provide (if you insist on keeping a few for the pan) make searching them out well worth the while. Several campgrounds between Silver Bay and Grand Marais are located on quality trout streams, and can make for very enjoyable weekend getaways.

Of course I have barely scratched the surface of the fishing this area has to offer, but there's nothing more rewarding than discovering your own little honey-hole. With all the small lakes and creeks around the Duluth area, it only takes a little exploration to find a productive spot that, given you can keep a secret, will remain mostly private. Hopefully, there will be a few new spots for me to write about next fall, but for now: good luck this summer and tight lines.

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Here are a few fishing one-liners that didn't quite make it onto the front of the Outdoors section but still deserve mention. The great outdoors humor writer Patrick F. McManus once wrote that fishermen are primarily philosophers; we agree.

"Even if you've been fishing for three hours and haven't caught anything except poison ivy and sunburn, you're still better off than the worm."

-- Anonymous

"Fishing consists of a series of misadventures interspersed by occasional moments of glory."

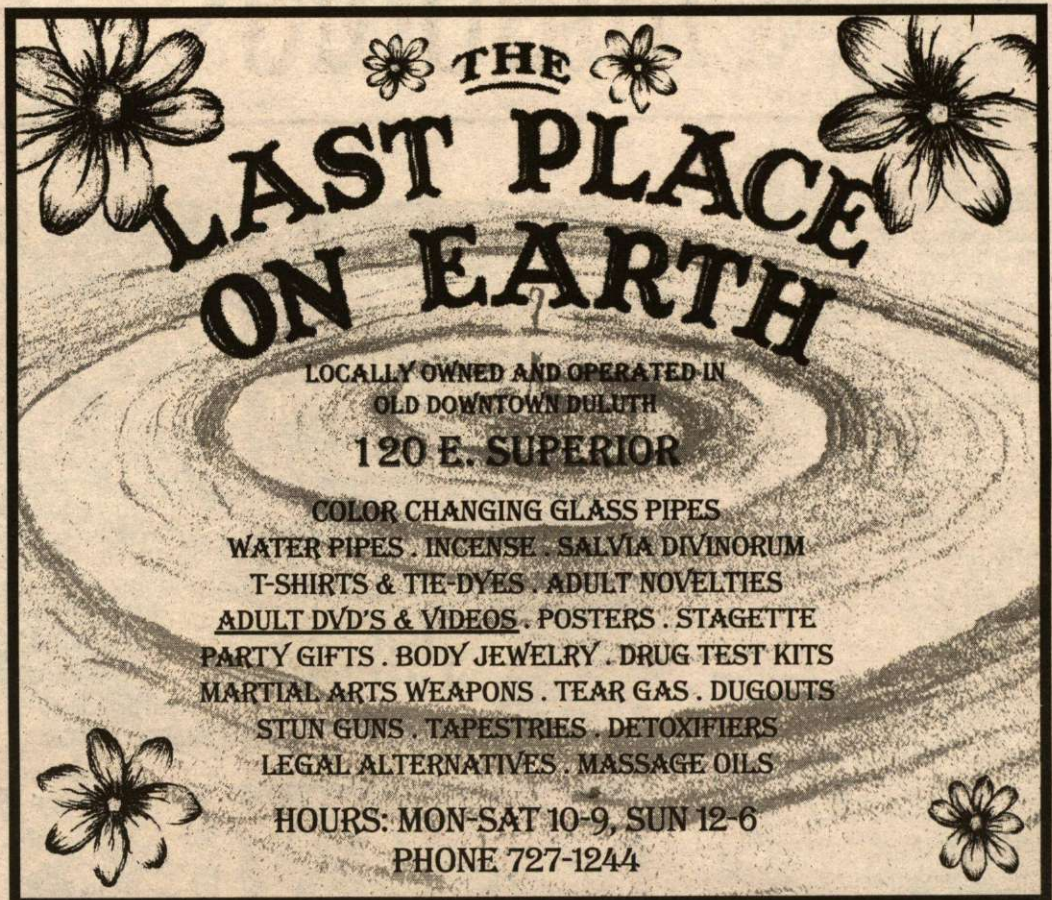
-- Howard Marshall

"Some go to church and think about fishing, others go fishing and think about God."

-- Tony Blake

"I get all the truth I need in the newspaper every morning, and every chance I get, I go fishing, or swap stories with fishermen to get the taste of it out of my mouth."

-- Ed Zern



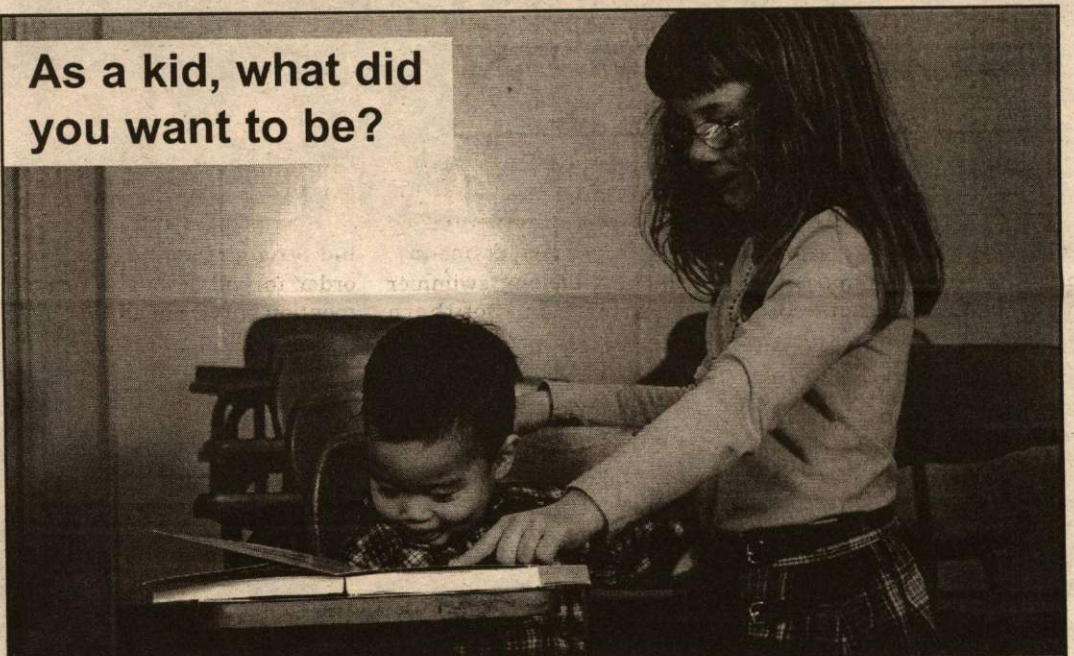
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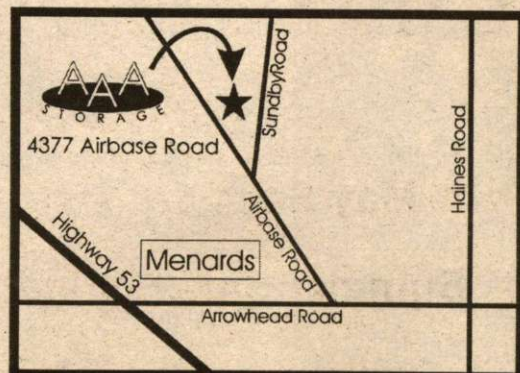
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International Brown Bag

"Common Women, Uncommon Lives: The Changing Role of Women in Russia" will be presented by Joyce Benson, community activist and long-time Duluth resident, today at noon in Kirby Student Center Rafters.

AFROTC Barbeque

Barbeque with the cadets of Air Force ROTC Detachment 420 Friday, May 6, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at UMD's Griggs Beach.

Free food and refreshments. Everyone welcome. Find out what AFROTC has to offer you.

Journey Jargons and Lectures

Journey Jargons feature slides and personal experiences or trips taken by University for Seniors (US) members and guests. The Lectures cover a myriad of topics. Journey Jargons and Lectures are free and open to the public.

Lecture: "Tweed Talk" will be presented by Peter Spooner, Curator and Registrar of UMD's

Tweed Museum, Monday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m. in Tweed Museum.

He will present an informative slide show about the collections and special exhibitions at the Tweed.

Tweed Museum

Student shows:
Ida Kumoji - May 3-8.
Sandy Pedersen and Erik M. Yanda - May 10-15.

Through May 8: UMD Student Exhibition.

Through July 31: "Strategic Dysfunction-Parables of Fabrication: Narrative Sculpture" by Amy Youngs and Amy Toscani.

Exit Interviews

Leaving UMD? If you will not be returning to UMD for Fall 2005 and have student loans, you are required to complete exit counseling.

Contact the Financial Collections office, 129 Darland Administration Building at 726-8103 to schedule an appointment.

The dates, times and room locations for group meetings are

at www.d.umn.edu/umdbo/exit.html.

Biology Seminar

"Leafy Spurge (Euphorbia esula) Invasion in Mixed-Grass Prairie" will be presented by Dr. Diane Larson, U.S. Geological Survey (Guntenspergen) Friday, May 6, at 3 p.m. in LSci 185.

Farmers Market

The Sustainable Farming Association Farmers Market will open Wednesday, May 18, from 2-4:30 p.m. outside of Kirby Plaza.

To be added to a weekly email reminder list, e-mail: shub@shubats-fruits.com. The reminder e-mail will list growers and what they have for sale.

Geology Seminar

Dr. Tom Johnson and Ms. Isla Castaneda, UMD Large Lakes Observatory and Dept. of Geological Sciences, will present "The Lake Malawi Drilling Project: Tales of Angst, Storms and Success on an African Great Lake" today at 4 p.m. in MWAH 191.

Student Web Contest 2006

Win \$\$\$\$\$. Up to five \$500 awards will be given.

Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. The project is to develop a Web site for an undergraduate course and/or Web-based materials for an undergraduate course. The deadline for submission is Friday, Jan. 27, 2006.

For details on the contest and to submit your site, please go to: www.d.umn.edu/itss/etrg/webcontest.html.

Women's History Celebration

"Meditation and Relaxation Exercise," a workshop presented by Marc Langenfeld, UMD Dept. of Psychology, today at noon in KSC 268.

Pharmacy Seminar

"Esomeprazole in the Management of Acid Related Diseases" will be presented by David E. Gangeness, PharmD, FASHP senior medical information

scientist, Gastrointestinal Scientific Affairs, AstraZeneca LP, Monday, May 9, from 10-11 a.m. in Kirby Plaza 385 Kirby Plaza (live via ITV).

Dr. Gangeness is a candidate for a community care tenure/tenure track faculty position at the College of Pharmacy, Duluth.

Faculty, staff and students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Eddy Lecture

"For Clinician's: An Articulation/Phonology Update" featuring Gregory L. Lof, Ph.D., will be presented Friday, May 6, from 5-7:45 p.m. and Saturday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in BohH 90.

For information, contact Mark Mizuko at 726-8203 or e-mail mmizuko@d.umn.edu.

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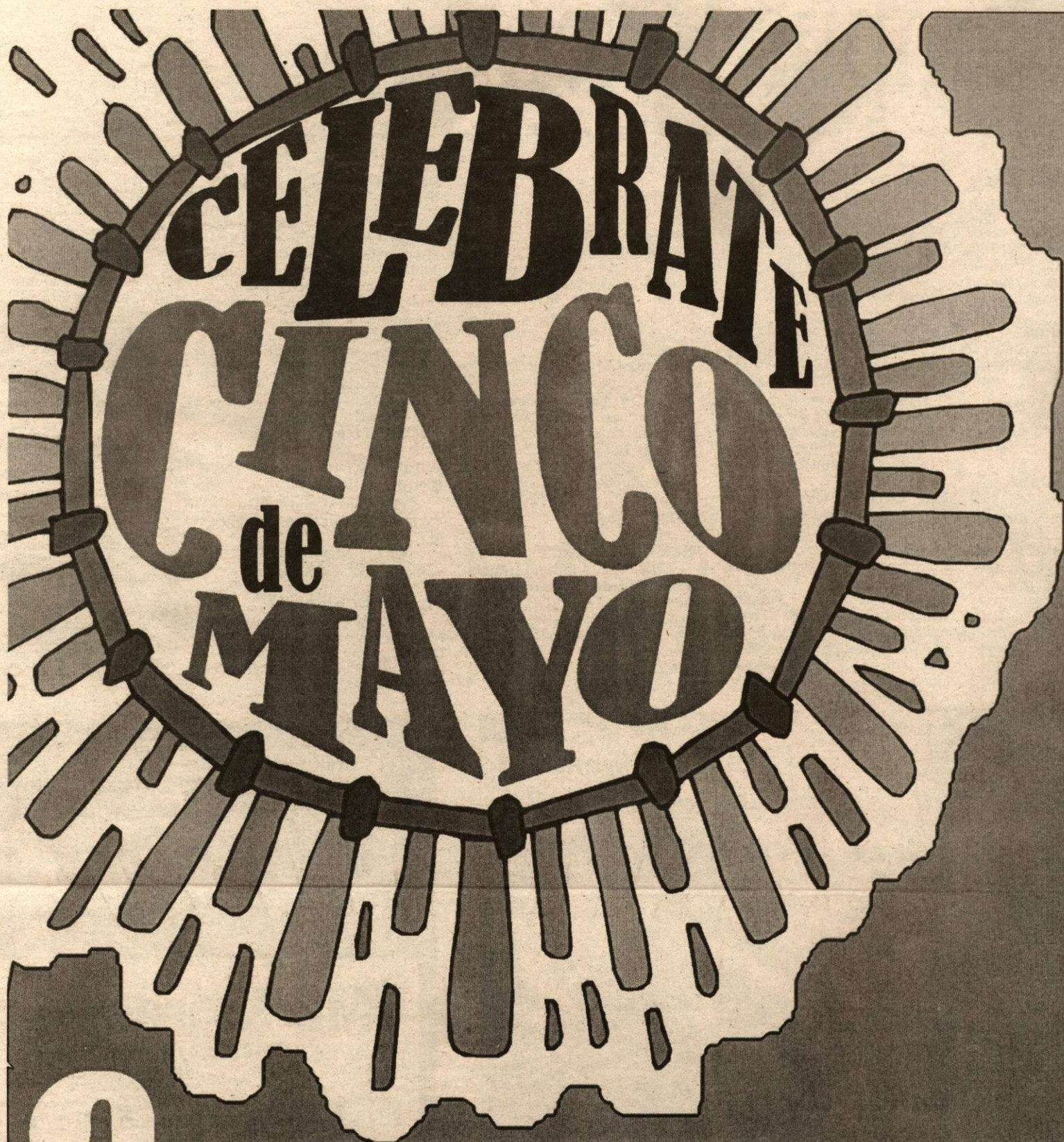
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